

Bettendorf Kiwanis

JULY 14, 2010

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Minutes from the July 13 Meeting

JR called the meeting to order. Jim Tiedje, Dave Nichols and Maria Levetzow are all celebrating wedding anniversaries this week.

Member news:

Dave Nichols has left his previous position and is now with Downing Architects PC. His contact information follows
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This Saturday, July 17, is the rescheduled Movies in the Park showing of "Where the Wild Things

Are", which Kiwanis is sponsoring. We need a few more people to host the event and hand out flags. The movie is at the Bandshell at Veterans Memorial Park; Kiwanis members are asked to



arrive between 8:00 and 8:15 and only need to stay until after the movie starts, about 9:15. Let Steve Grimes know if you can help, sgrimes@bettendorf.org.

Our last interclub of the year is coming up on Wednesday, July 21 in Wapello. It's a lunch meeting; if you can attend please contact Eric Engstrom, eeepccpa@aol.com. If we can get four members to attend this interclub, it will fulfill a requirement that is needed to give JR a chance to become a "distinguished" past president.

In the raffle, Doug Nelson won \$5.00 and Maria Levetzow drew a black marble.

Our presenter was Kevin Kellums, the executive director of the Family Enrichment Center of Davenport, an organization which incorporated as a non-profit in April of 2009. Kevin has worked with at-risk youth for 18 years, and began looking

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Anger is never
without reason,
but seldom with a
good one.

Benjamin Franklin

for a more holistic approach to the problem of poverty five years ago. There are many excellent programs in the Quad-Cities to help with poverty issues, but they are disconnected, with gaps in the ages served.

The FEC plans to offer neighborhood centered plans of parent education, early education, after school programs, college and career preparation and job coaching. Parents are required to take parent education courses if they wish to enroll their children in the FEC's offerings. They will focus on education and health and nutrition, and the program will include "pilot" participants that will allow the FEC to monitor their success.

The FEC is located in the Goose Creek area, a residential area of 1700 citizens located across Brady Street from the former Cinemas. There's a history of challenges in that area; it once had the highest crime rate in the city, although that has improved. There are little or no resources located there.

The FEC is currently housed in offices rented from Atwell Heating, but that space is not sufficient for early education programming. The Davenport School District deeded land to the City of Davenport which then passed it on to the FEC. A new facility designed to meet FEC's unique demands will be built there, with considerable help from organizations such as CBS4, which has offered to give continued coverage of the process of building, culminating in a half-hour special after completion.

The FEC hopes to offer financial savings to the community as a whole by keeping kids out of juvenile or adult institutions. \$5,000 a year for enrollment in FEC programs is a significant savings over the \$35,000 a year that taxpayers spend to support incarcerated individuals.

More information can be found at www.fecdavenport.com.

Additionally, the FEC is trying to get a Pepsi Refresh grant. In order to help them, please go to <http://www.refresheverything.com/FECDAV>, register using the link in the blue bar at the bottom, and vote. You can vote every day until the end of July.

Upcoming programs:

July 20 – Dan Adams on caring for the aged

July 27 – Ann Tubbs from Vera French Foundation

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