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“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.”

CHAIR: Dick Jellum

INVOCATION: Gordon Rogers

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CALENDAR

February 21 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
February 23 “Walk For Warmth”, 7:30 a.m. at the Midland Mall. Roger Briggs.
March 6 “The Rock” annual fund raising dinner, 6:00 p.m.. Duane Townley.
April 10 Spring Divisional meeting, Frankenmuth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Roger Briggs circulated “sign up” sheets asking for volunteers to help with the Walk For Warmth on February 23 at the Midland Mall. Roger also asked for dollar pledges to sponsor his “Walk”. He added that the Walk For Warmth has never, since its inception seventeen years ago, had a greater need for support from the community. An additional “sign up” sheet was circulated for volunteers to attend Key Club meetings.

***Renee Yates announced that preparations are starting for our annual golf fundraising event. Renee said there will be many opportunities for Kiwassee members to help make this important fundraiser a success.

***Alex Rapanos reported that six members attended the Interclub at the Circle K Charter Night at Northwood last Monday evening.

***Diane Stevens, speaking for Penny Ecarius, said that next Tuesday will be the last chance to contribute to the “Teddy Bear” program.

***Ray Senesac recognized and honored members who joined Kiwassee Kiwanis in February, including the original charter members.

***President Jellum reminded members of the monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon on February 21 at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. Dick also announced that the West Branch Kiwanis Club will sponsor a “Kids for Hunger” event which will involve the preparation of 50,000 meals. They will need both financial and volunteer support. Dick will assign our support for this project to the appropriate committees.

BEVERLEE RUTTAN-WENZEL TALKS ABOUT “THE ROCK” YOUTH CENTER

Ginny Morrison, Human and Spiritual Values Chair, introduced Beverlee Ruttan-Wenzel, Director of “The Rock” Youth Center. Ginny also presented a check for \$500 to Beverlee, who thanked Kiwassee for our continuing support—adding that our positive encouragement, as well as our financial support, has meant a great deal to them. Beverlee said “The Rock” (which is an acronym for Reaching Our Community Kids) was started seven years ago. Many teen centers fail after a few years for various reasons, but “The Rock” is flourishing and growing with good community support. The facility is located at 2300 E. Gordonville Road. It is a faith based organization that provides recreational activities for young people in grades 6 through 12, but in reality it does much more than that. Beverlee said its real purpose is to provide positive “one on one” mentoring, support, and encouragement to teenagers. The organization is adding new venues by adding “Rock Unplugged”, which includes off-site activities that are partnered with other community organizations. They have funding for a new 25 foot high rock climbing wall, and are planning to bring more “technology” into the facility. They participate in the Mall events (also sponsored by Circle of Health) on Halloween and Spring Break which provide a supervised event for teenagers to have fun. “The Rock” is a 501(c)3 non profit organization governed by a Board of Directors. Annual budget is about \$200,000 per year. Beverlee said that volunteers are a very important part of the success of the program, and more are always needed. Their annual fund raising dinner will be on March 6 at 6:00 p.m.. Please contact Ginny or Duane Townley if you are interested in attending the dinner, or in contributing to this organization in any way.