



Weekly Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 30, 2017

Overall Comments:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Off-site meeting held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Meeting Details:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is located at 4801 France Avenue South in Minneapolis.• Meeting well attended• Continental breakfast provided by Kodet & Associates
President's Comments and General Meeting Announcements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Bill Klein led us in the Pledge of Allegiance in spite of the lack of a flag.• In Doug Schmitt's absence Jim Eaton expressed his concern about the devastating flooding in the Houston area. Discussion followed about what our club can do to help.• Later Doug Schmitt appeared and offered his reflection of the day.• Dean Sandberg led us in singing "God Bless America".• John Vandermyde and Tom Tamura introduced our new exchange student from Denmark.• Ken Stone asked for nominations for both the Heart of Rotary and the Rotary Hope awards be submitted by Friday of this week (September 1st)• Ken also reminded the membership of the upcoming Canstruction project that can use some additional volunteers.• Dean Sandberg announced a Diversity and Inclusiveness meeting immediately after next Wednesday's meeting at the Minneapolis Club.• Anna Coskran announced a Program Committee meeting next week as well.
Vocational/Happy Bucks:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Vocational or Happy Bucks in the interest of time for today's presentation.
Program/Speaker:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ed Kodet was today's Day Chair. Ed is a charter member of COL as well as a Past President. He is in the process of passing control of his architecture practice to four of his employees.• Our speaker today was Barb Thompson, Planning Director for the City of Plymouth. Barb is also the daughter of Dick Gilbertson who was the architect who designed the original structure where today's meeting was held. Her presentation gave a wealth of information about the process of designing the church and some of the personalities involved along the way. The church

came into existence starting in 1946 when Lake Harriet Lutheran Church at 44th and York needed a new facility. The site on which the church stands was very reasonably priced due to the fact that it had at one time housed a dump. At the time the project was beginning the church had a new pastor Heimarck who had definite ideas of what would or would not be acceptable. Mr. Gilbertson was able to work with Pastor Heimarck and the resulting structure met the needs of the congregation at that time. After 70 or so years the needs of the church had evolved and it was time for an update. Ed Kodet's firm worked with the various committees within the congregation and produced the building we see today. One of the most sensitive issues was converting from pews in the sanctuary to chairs. The chairs enable a variety of layouts depending on the need. A wall was replaced with sliding panels which house the stained glass windows that had once been part of the replaced wall which resulted in much more light from the South reaching the sanctuary. The symbolism included in the original building has been preserved and remains a focus of the building.

Next Week's Program:

- Marilyn Carlson Nelson – Super Bowl: the players, the game and the legacy.

The meeting was adjourned by President Bill Klein with a tour of the building available for those able to stay.

Reporter: Blake Shelton