

## NLBA June 2<sup>nd</sup> Notes

### **Treasurer Report**

Starting Balance - \$26,034.82

Ending Balance - \$24,934.82

Uptowne Balance - \$7,828.59

### **Meeting Notes**

- Logger's Game Opener Tonight! First pitch at 6:35
- Chief Kudron in attendance along with other police force members to discuss things going on in the city of La Crosse.
  - o The police officers are human and people of the Coulee Region just like we all are. They've chosen a career to respond to the worst that people have to offer every day.
  - o What are we doing as a police department? Looking to build relationships coming out of this pandemic to be stronger than ever. We have a portion of time before life goes back to "normal" to build those relationships with the business owners of this community.
- Trent from La Crosse Police
  - o Working with juveniles and attempting to get to know them better to help curve issues of the future.
  - o Hoping to get out to businesses moving forward on the North side of La Crosse to help resolve issues.
  - o Officer Vo – Always trying to do positive things in the community. Recently gave shoes to a young child that was 11 years old as his shoes were completely beat up and barely wearable.
  - o Camera coverage at Copeland Park. There are cameras from Loggers Field as well as some private security companies in the area.
  - o What's the driving force of being against having police officers in the La Crosse School District? Some people have strong opinions on the roles that police officers have in the school district.
  - o What can be done of judges turning away criminals due to COVID? Unfortunately, there isn't really an easy answer. Signature bonds are used to bring criminals back to their court date to be dealt with appropriately in the future.
  - o Assisting with homeless people is 99.9% of the job for some of their colleagues and it's a very challenging problem to come up with a solution. They're always finding homes and resources for homeless people and doing what they can to assist with these issues.
  - o What are concrete things that we can do as members of the NLBA to assist with the partnership for the police force and to help our community thrive?
    - Be intentional with what you want to see happen by connecting with the officers
    - Bother the police with minor issues that bother you. That's what they're here for and they want to help as your neighborhood resource officers.
    - Engage with each other as business owners and brainstorm for solutions with issues in the neighborhoods.

- The more help they have from the community, the better. There are roughly 18 officers on the road per shift for 50,000+ people. They need assistance from the community.
- When you see an officer doing anything worthy of a compliment, go to the city police officer website and go to the “Compliment” section. The officers don’t do the work for compliments and pats on the back but those compliments go a long ways on their bad days and often lift up the officers.