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STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 3, 2007:

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Homer Ellis
Guest Slips	Gene Rapley
50/50 Tickets	David Kerr and Brad Martin
50/50 Winner	Rob Goodman

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Welcome back to Paul Mahoney and Frankie Hamilton...It's good to see you again.
- Girls Inc dinner was a great success. We had nine members present and were given a great show!
- There will be no meeting on August 31 due to the Labor Day holiday.

PROGRAM:

We were given a brief on the Fort Smith Public Library by its Executive Director, Jennifer Goodson. The "evolution" of the library was a most interesting presentation; with the buildings actually reflecting the perception of the day. In 1908, when the Public Library first opened, the building was stately and libraries were thought of as depositories of information. They were for the educated to maintain their informed status. Later, in the seventies, Fort Smith built a new library and continued the information depository concept. Additionally, libraries were thought to be becoming obsolete. The advent of computers and the internet loomed and information was becoming widely available to the public. By 2000 Fort Smith had a new attitude about libraries and built four new "state of the art" facilities. These new facilities are "Centers for Discovery and Communication". Strategic relevance is maintained through 1) Materials and resources, 2) Technology, 3) Recreation and Entertainment, and 4) Community. The Fort Smith Public Library has transitioned from the "Community Reading Room" to the "Community Front Porch". Good job, Jennifer.

HUMOR: Ida Mae passed away and Bubba called 911. The 911-operator told Bubba that she would send someone out right away. "Where do you live?" asked the operator. Bubba replied, "At the end of Eucalyptus Drive." The operator asked, "Can you spell that for me?" After a long pause, Bubba said, "How 'bout I drag her over to Oak Street and you pick her up there?"

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

Aug 10 --- Randy Stone, Frontier Fest
Aug 17 --- Dr. Kermit Kuehn, UAFS Family Enterprise Center

"Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose." Winston Churchill