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STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 8, 2008:

Presiding	Tommy Fowler
Invocation	Don Hutchins
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	Karen Lindsey; guests in attendance were Larry Schiffner
50/50 Tickets	Gary Marcotte/Buddy Acoach
50/50 Winner(\$56)	Bradley Martin(\$28)

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Previously at 123 active; two resigned, two were dropped, one new member added, making new total active 120

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*President Tommy Fowler has asked that all cell phones be turned off during the meeting once called to order as a courtesy to speaker(s) and members; potential, future action may be implemented by the Board if interruptions persist

*Paul Mahoney has a broken hip and is in St. Edwards; Bob Brown came through his gall bladder surgery; and Paul Rivaldo recovered and went home today!

*Eight members attended the dinner provided at the Girl's, Inc. camp this past Thursday; a variety show was enjoyed, as well, with this week at camp dedicated to the memory of Paul Ulmschneider

*Bradley Martin pitched another reminder about the fantastic Trolley Ride coming up

*Please don't forget to bring your donated items for the CAP basket, which will be an ongoing collection/donation made by the Ft. Smith Noon Exchange Club

PROGRAM:

Billy Dooly made the introduction of this week's guest speaker, Dr. Ben L. Gooden, Superintendent of the Ft. Smith Public Schools (with assistant Zena). Having been with the school system since 1986, Dr. Gooden gave a great overview of where the schools sit currently, and what is in store for the future, as he showed us the trends and changes he has tracked since around 1988. Ft. Smith has 27 education centers, with around 14,000 students in attendance, and with demographics changing drastically, there is a broad diversity to the student body. Dr. Gooden stressed their goal to improve attendance, which improves graduation rates, and also in offering more and more AP (advanced placement) courses, the ACT college entrance exam scores have risen. As for the future, the aptly titled "Future Focus" profile, will aim for 100% proficiency, quality staff, safe schools, and more parent/community involvement.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

August 15th	Jim Rowland & Ft. Smith Coaches
August 22nd	Bennie Westphal, Ft. Smith Development
August 29th	No meeting; Labor Day weekend

HUMOR:

Why I don't have my homework ;)

- ~Another pupil fell in a lake, and I jumped in to rescue him. My homework, though, drowned.
- ~Some aliens from outer space borrowed it so they could study how the human brain worked.
- ~Our furnace stopped working and we had to burn it to stop ourselves from freezing.
- ~I didn't do it, because I didn't want the other kids in the class to look bad.
- ~I didn't do it because I didn't want to add to your already heavy workload.

PARTING THOUGHT:

Teacher: This is the third time I've had to send you to the principal's office this week, what have you got to say about that?

Pupil: Thank heavens it's Friday !