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The Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis met on February 5 at Park Place Restaurant with Carrie presiding and 9 members and Guests: Cindy Garland with KONA Ice (Potential new member) and speaker Brandon Mosgrove, principal at Stone Creek Elementary School..

Stewart gave the Inspirational moment. Carrie gave Valentine heart candy to all who attended. She announced that Ross Andrews will be returning to our meetings in mid-March after receiving the COVID vaccine. Thursday, Feb. 11 we'll meet to begin planning for the Prayer Dinner at Farm to Fork, Carrie will let us know what time. Backpack Blessings will be packed on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 4:30.

Stone Creek Elementary School Principal Brandon Mosgrove was introduced as our speaker by program chair Russell Fritze. Musgrove is a graduate of UTC with his education career spanning over 20 years. He's been principal at Stone Creek for 13 years. Fairview and Happy Valley Elementary Schools in Walker County merged to become Stone Creek Elementary. The school has 500 students, has issues with a transient population with 90% of their students qualifying for free or reduced meals because their family income is below the federal poverty level of \$24,000 a year. He spoke of "Collective Leadership" and how it has impacted the school and brought the community to the school to address the student and family needs that they experience. The school strives to make each child feel "Welcomed, Loved and Safe." He cited the importance of having "buy-in" from the staff, parents and community to be successful in educating the children. The club

donated \$300 as part of the KY-TN District First Lady's Project *Drop Your Drawers* to provide new underwear to schools due to accidents or home issues. Mosgrove expressed his "heartfelt thanks" for the donation and he invited the club to tour the school.

Thanks to Chris for notes and photo.

