

Rotary District 7505 e-Club

October 28, 2021

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by President Van Stine.

Present: Michael Van Stine-President  
Manuel Nunez-Treasurer  
David Winter-Secretary  
Jimmy Simmermon

Pres V advised that he and Dave had discussed participants at the October 14, 2021, meeting and that minutes from that meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

Pres V said he wanted at least 10 members on the meeting with DG Chuck on December 9, 2021. The DG is the highest district Rotary dignitary for a year. The meeting is run by the DG and club business is kept to a minimum. Pres V said he had a very high opinion of DG Chuck. DG Chuck is an instructor at the RLI institute on conflict resolution. Pres V asked Dave if he would help make calls before the meeting. Dave said yes.

Pres V reminded all that raffle ticket stubs are due back by November 26, 2021. Bud and Jerry often make a cash donation to support the fundraiser. Pres V said that his wife Kathleen has been a big help with ticket sales and that Manny has also done a great job!

Pres V advised that he was able to get his Rotary license plates. (-) He encouraged others to consider getting them.

Pres V said the RI convention will be a live event this year in Houston, Texas. He said registration is currently \$475. And that AA currently has good fares out of Philadelphia. He said the convention is an incredible experience. He also encouraged all to consider going who can go. He offered to share any of his specific experiences from when he went to the one in Ontario.

Pres v advised that the club should again support a RYLA student participant next year. He wants Dave to direct us to whatever balance, if any, he feels we should still maintain w/the TORCH Academy. Dave has subsidized all the financial heavy leafing on youth leadership training year and out and given his school administration background, he feels we should follow his recommendations if there is going to be a summer program for 2022.

Pres V said that the Borough of Lindenwold has not processed all three mercantile licenses for all building spaces for the Spectracare Foundation. But the entire space of the Carlton Rouh Veterans Center has been approved. Operational policies are being finalized based on recommendations made by the center's Veterans Council. An actual opening date for public use of the facility – as opposed to just the community programs that have been operational for years -- is anticipated in the next few weeks.

Pres V said there is still no update on the long-awaited club name change. He said he is still working with DA Melanie and PDG Bill to eliminate all final obstacles. He truly believes we are in the final stages of this.

Pres V said that the foundation's annual holiday pet toy program continues with Chewy w/Furry Tops helping. Jimmy is now the lead coordinator for the program aligned with the work he does with all the foundation's animal service and rescue programs.

Pres V said he has not been able to reach out to a Rotary Club in Haiti due to extreme civil unrest there. The earthquake, floods, and the recent assassination of their President added to recent news reports of U.S. volunteers who had been taken hostage w/ransom demands crates many concerns. The situation is so bad there that pets are being eaten for food. He is most concerned that what money we want to send will not get to its intended use. While he feels we should still try to help the people of Haiti. He is going to keep evaluating the situation and will make recommendations to the club as things further develop.

Pres V is attending a law school course on animal rights that was well presented. Pres V met with the Rutgers Camden dietician who is a vegan and has agreed to provide a lecture to the class on the importance of nutrition as part of a vegan diet. The class professor said even his pets are vegan. The program will be co-sponsored by the foundation and the class professor on November 16. Both his wife Kathleen and Jimmy from the foundation have been invited to attend.

Pres V congratulated Manny for bowling a 247 game as part of a 600 series. For non-bowlers, a 600 series is a major accomplishment for a bowler. He congratulated Dave on his unending incredible golf scores as well. He said he wished he could be aging as well as they both are doing!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.