

Rotary District 7505 e- Club

February 10, 2022

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Van Stine.

Present:	Michael Van Stine-President
	Manuel Nunez-Treasurer
	David Winter-Secretary
	Dave Zelle
	Dave Still
	Dan Tangi
	James Young
	Marissa Betancourt
	Jimmy Simmermon

Motion by Dave W second by Manny to approve the minutes of January 27, 2022. Motion approved.

Pres V said the Rotaract Program at Rutgers Camden is moving along well. He stressed that by supporting Rotaract, the club will have youth involvement with leadership development and community service focus.. Also, he expects to continue to our decade-long support RYLA and the Torch Academy.

DG Chuck has given final assurance for the club name change. Along the way he reported believe it or not that here in NJ a club was registered as simply The Rotary Club.

Pres V said that most conventional clubs have operated as e-clubs due to COVID 19 but that should gradually change as many begin to revert to live meetings. But he thinks a wider use of more convenient e-technology will be here to stay. He reminded of the need for our club to be on the cutting edge of multiple best practices to stay ahead of the membership development curve.

Pres V said the new Chancellor of Rutgers Camden is a former Rotarian. Mike thinks he will be a real ally. Mike also said senior advisors at Rutgers support the Rotaract club as it is developing anew. They have and continue to extend many courtesies to us. He is hopeful that when the new DG begins his term, the Rotaract Club will be able to apply for grants.

Pres V said current membership is 23 and 30 remains his end-of-the-Rotary-year goal.

Pres V said the various programs to unite veterans with needy animals continue and results have been extremely positive.

Manny provided the Treasurers Report. He said RI dues of \$1,100. And District dues of \$600. Are due shortly.

Marissa said she is still involved in her health care company she has operated for seven years including its Health Care Training Academy. She has been in Rotary since 2017 and recently joined e-Club. She has been associated with SpectraCare for three years working with veterans on assistance and pension benefits.

Pres V said there is a crisis for eldercare including long-term care. He said those few who purchased LTC policies a long time ago may have adequate coverage for elder long-term care but for most Americans, there are no products to help pay those expenses except spend-down of assets for Medicaid eligibility. He said many providers of reverse mortgages offer predatory lending products.

Dan said he continues his work with Univest Bank and the bank is now working in Bucks County Pennsylvania. He said he has known Mike and Kathleen since the SpectraCare ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Dave Still said he continues to work with struggling businesses to help them stay in business.

Jimmy said he was deployed in Iraq and Qatar and in Qatar helped save animals some of which he brought back to the U.S. for veterans. He currently works for a utility company.

Pres V said it may be possible to use a grant from the Patriot Fund to do some innovative things for veterans.

Dave W said retirement is great. Florida is cold this week! (All said they felt very sad for him...)

Prs V said he is thrilled that Dave Z has rejoined e-Club. He said Dave was a very talented and influential District Governor who led many dental missions to impoverished countries in some cases risking his life to help provide dental care and paraprofessional training.

Manny said he is pleased to be part of the Foundation. He has been in Rotary for two years and enjoys helping in any way he can. FYI. Manny was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in December. Dave W advised that it is a real honor to be awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. Pres V commended Manny for all the work he does for the Foundation and Rotary.

Pres V then commented that Dave W has underwritten the cost of RYLA students for many years and that he recently provided stipends for a great group of student leaders at Rutgers. He said that RYLA is a life-changing experience for most students. Mike said Dave also assisted in the purchase of a freezer for the Food Pantry which is now operational and a real asset to the community.

Pres V said he still did not hear anything about this year's District Grant application. For the moment, it is not an issue since it involves a gardening program and it is still wintertime. He said DG Chuck is working on that for us as well.

Pres V congratulated wife Kathleen and Food Pantry Director Dave Cornwall for both being awarded the Spectra Care Medal of Honor. Pres V hopes to allow Kathleen to be an associate non-dues-paying member. Past DG Dave Z said associate members do not pay dues. Upon motion request by Pres V.,

seconded by Dave W., a motion was proposed that our club approve spousal and associate non-dues paying memberships. Motion carried unanimously.

Pres V said our Pres Elect still dealing with medical issues. He assures she is still very motivated and that will fill in as needed.

Pres V. thanked all for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.