

Rotary Club of New Jersey

April 13, 2023

Minutes

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

Present:

Jay Young-President

Michael Van Stine-Vice President

Manuel Nunez-Treasurer

David Winter-Secretary

Kathleen Van Stine

Briana Tiernan

Eston Spain

VP Michael led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Manny seconded by Dave W to approve the minutes of March 23, 2023. Motion approved.

VP Michael said President-elect Dave attended the PETS training sessions on April 2. He will begin to coordinate the transition with President Jay on their mutual schedules and availability. We may also be having a changeover dinner now that Covid is essentially over. More on that later.

Dave W advised he will miss the 4/27 meeting due to his travel schedule. VP Michael again agreed to be acting secretary for that meeting.

VP Michael said he will again have a seat on the Rutgers Camden Senate Executive Committee next academic year. Mike said he e-mailed all members of the Rotaract club at Rutgers that he would prefer not to continue as RUC Rotaract president but got no response due to the campus being closed due to the strike over the topic of "contingent faculty". He said existing members agree to hold their seats for now to allow the org to be recertified by the campus office of student involvement for next year and that new Rotaract elections will take place in September.

VP Michael then reminded the Dave Z mission trip to Zambia will now be in the fall. It continues to be his hope that Rotaract will have an active role in that.

Pres Jay then joined the meeting and said he hoped all had a safe and great Easter. He congratulated Kathleen and the SCF for an awesome Oldies Night.

VP Michael then advised that the banner from the Russell Harrington Co. has been approved. The banner is about six feet wide and cost \$225.00. Mike said he also ordered 25 new member packets. He did not order Rotaract packets because of cost, but instead ordered new member certificates for Rotaract members.

VP Michael said that Oldies Night on April 1 was a huge success and that 113 tickets were sold. Mike said the GALA for Heroes is set for September 15. The equine program starts tomorrow. On May 11 there will be a Celebrate Veterans lunch.

VP Michael said he is working on three new members and Membership Chair Kathleen said she was working on a like amount.

Chair Kathleen said work on the rear brakes of the donated bus had been postponed but should be rescheduled shortly. Mike said the date for the Model Rocket program will be changing and a new date will be announced soon.

Chair Kathleen said that many groups are signing up to speak to veterans at the Veterans Center. Kathleen opined that she needed an assistant!!!

VP Michael said Kathleen is working on getting assistance from NY Life.

VP Michael said he is hoping to get a public grant to assist development of a memorial park at the center. He said the gardening program will be starting later this month. He also said he found a greenhouse made of aluminum that appears to be better than the plastic one looked at previously. Mike said the minor changes to the District Grant will result in a better program. In addition, the changes may allow additional donations from companies to make the greenhouse even more effective. Club members agreed.

Motion by Pres Jay, second by VP Michael to approve the minor changes to the District Grant which will result in a more effective greenhouse. Motion approved.

Eston told all how pleased he was to have adopted Pumpkin the cat. He said Pumpkin is getting accustomed to the apartment and seems to be settling in well. Kathleen said she was also pleased that Pumpkin is doing so well.

Dave W said he shot 80 in today's golf. Manny said he is still in the high 190s for his bowling average.

Briana said she had a great time at Oldies Night.

After some final kinship exchanges, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P/M.