

Rotary District 7505 e-Club

April 26, 2021

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Van Stine at 8:02 P.M.

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

Motion by Dave, second by Manny to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021. Motion approved.

Pres V provided an update on the club recertification and name change. He spoke to PDG Bill Donnelly and was informed of some procedural issues. They expect to finally all be resolved immediately after July 1, 2021. There seem to be advantages and disadvantages to bringing on new members before the new Rotary year. On balance, Pres V would prefer to wait until after the new year to process pending new members. It remains the intent to bring on new members in states to maximize everyone getting to know each other a bit more gradually.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovations at the Veterans Center will take place on May 11 from 4P.M. to 7P.M. The Food Pantry component is part of the updates. Manny advised that all have been very busy to have everything ready for the ribbon cutting ceremony. He advised that the ceremony will be a county wide event with many dignitaries in attendance. Pres V was really pleased to advise that the Veterans Center is now an expanded distribution point for needy veterans, in no small part based on the refrigeration units procured as a part of the district grant.

Pres V reminded all that the Award Ceremony for the Rutgers Student Government representatives will take place on May 13, 2021. Dave's family trust will donate \$300.00 to each student in recognition of their contributions on behalf of all students.

Pres V to submit a Supplemental Grant application to provide enhance security measures at the renovated Veterans Center. Included is a letter from the local police chief supporting the improved security. The Grant is a maximum 1,000. Matching program.

Motion by Pres V, second by Dave to approve the Grant application. Motion approved.

Treasurer Manny provided the March 31, 2021 Treasurers Report. Manny also advised that he had had obtained debit cards for himself and Pres V to make purchases up to \$200. Between meetings and report at the next meeting.

Manny advised that he had been investigating the use of Zoom over the free service we have been using for meetings. We have had some glitches with connections with the free service and all seem to feel that Zoom has become the most standardized platform of video meeting link during the pandemic. An annual contract will cost \$150, which will be split between e-Club and the Spectracare Foundation. So, if we do, the cost would be approximately \$75 for the club. All voted in favor unanimously.

Pres V advised that e-Club it was important that all members donate to the Annual Fund.

In closing, Pres V was thrilled to announce that almost \$30,000 of material and labor was donated for a new roof at the veterans' center as well as about \$14,000 of landscaping. Pres V closed by acknowledging his wife Kathleen for her incredible effort in preparation for the ribbon cutting ceremony and the center's completion. Pres V thanked Manny for attending every Foundation meeting. Also, Pres V suggested we consider not having our meeting on May 10th as it was the day before the veterans' center event and that in all likelihood, he and Manny would not be able to attend that night. All were in unanimous agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.