

Rotary Club of New Jersey

May 28, 2022

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by President Van Stine.

Present:	Michael Van Stine-President
	Manuel Nunez-Treasurer
	David Winter-Secretary
	Dan Tangi
	Jay Young
	Avi Rabia

Pres V first opened the meeting with an introduction to our guest – Avi Rabia – who is a student at Rutgers Camden and is a member of our Rotaract club on camps.

Pres V then discussed a few past weeks where Dave was not able to attend club meetings, and he was still trying to construct some retroactive minutes to cover them. After noting that our May 12 meeting was canceled due to the district conference, Pres V offered a brief summary of broad topics that were discussed at all the previous meetings, and it was proposed that we exempt those meetings from retroactive minutes. All were understanding and in agreement.

Pres V then mentioned that Pres Elect Amy has been still struggling with ongoing health issues. He indicated that she still wanted to be our club president in the future, but she asked if there was a way she could continue as Pres Elect for the next Rotary year and asked if another member could fill in for this year. Pres V proposed that we might consider Jay Young as Pres for this coming year. Jay said he would be willing to do it. Pres V then moved and Manny seconded the motion to install Jay as Pres Elect and that he become our next club President beginning July 1, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations Jay! Pres V emphasized to Jay that he was going to still continue as VP for the year and that he would be available to provide any support needed to make the transition and management of the functions for the year as easy as possible.

Pres V then summarized the district conference, saying he, Kathleen, and Manny were there. Presentations included ones for veterans' memorial and canine programs, fundraising, and service. There was also live entertainment with a Four Seasons imitation band. Pics will be posted on website soon!

Pres V then discussed both the upcoming RI Convention in Houston and the District changeover dinner,

both next month. He said he and Kathleen were still planning to go to the RI Convention and they, Manny and Jay were planning to go to the changeover dinner.

Pres V then said he thought this was a good time to reiterate the importance of the relationship between the club and the Spectracare Foundation. He said it was critical to point out that the staff DO NOT get paid. He said the foundation has about \$330,000 in assets tied up in the building and the goal is to have the foundation continue to grow and offer a very diverse mix of programming matching Rotary's seven areas of focus. Pres V said one of our two planned greenhouse programs will now be in Lindenwold, and that the mayor-elect is going to be joining the club. He said he is trying to get Rotaract at RU Camden to be associated with a second gardening program in Camden.

Pres V then said he felt the connection between RCNJ and Runnemedede/Glendora/Bellmawr, White Horse and Garden State clubs continues to be very positive. There will also be a connection with more local VFW and American legion posts.

Pres V said that RCNJ should also try to assist in the support of RYLA alternates but that RYLA is having trouble attracting candidates this year. Dave said RCNJ should support one RYLA position but that he will concentrate his efforts on the Torch Leadership Academy. Pres V said that the Torch Academy must step up and work with the Spectra Care Foundation. Dave to contact Bryan to develop a relationship between RCNJ and the Torch Academy.

Pres V is leaving for the Rotary International Conference on June 2 and there will be no meeting on June 9. He said the Foundation's Black Tie GALA is set for Sep[24, 2022 at the Berlin Catering Hall.

Manny then gave the Treasurer's report. Pres V said he has not been able to send money to Ukraine due to the current conditions. Rotaract has collected a massive amount of donations and the difficulty is getting the goods to Ukraine.

Manny said he ended the year with a 197 bowling average. This is quite an accomplishment!! He received recognition for:

1. Joining the 700 club
2. A 265 high score
3. 3rd highest league series

Dave said he shot 81 at the difficult Bonita Bay East golf course.

Pres V concluded the meeting by saying that the Veterans Center will continue to work with families impacted by veteran suicide and that wife Kathleen was in Maryland with their past clinical nurse who was in a final battle with cancer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.