

Rotary District 7505 e-Club

July 13, 2020

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Van Stine at 8:18 P.M.

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

Pres V expressed frustration that anyone had in logging in to the new e-platform. He indicated the bugs will be worked out for the next meeting.

Motion by Manny, second by Dave to approve the minutes of June22, 2020. Motion approved unanimously.

Pres V discussed the upcoming Grant Application and how the application process would proceed.

Pres V advised that all financial documents from former Treasurer Nicole have been transferred to new Treasurer Manny. Manny to open new accounts at a local bank. Pres V stated that he had reviewed all the documents received from Nicole and that he was in the process of making sure that all required submissions to the IRS be made on appropriate forms. He indicated that an association with a 501(C)(3) such as Spectra Care would be wise if we wanted our second bank account to truly be a charitable account.

Guest Speaker Kathleen gave the club a brief presentation about the Spectracare Foundation and its programs for SJ veterans. She specifically described details on the foundation's Carlton Rouh veterans Center and its renovation. She advised that she working closely with contractor Dave Cornwall from Buck Construction on much of the interior renovations taking place, as well as his role with the Friends of Clementon Food Pantry and the SJ Food Bank to increase the support for Veterans in their growing food pantry. Labor on construction has been fully donated by Buck Constriction and a mix of other vendors have donated both electrical and plumbing services. Materials have been supplied by a grant from the Home Depot Foundation. If our district grant application is approved, with the purchase of the freezer and refrigerator, the Spectracare food pantry will be able to accept more perishables at the CR Center for specific distribution to homebound veterans. She said veterans often feed their pets before

feeding themselves. The center also just received a 25 ft flagpole that was donated by Acme Lingo Flagpoles, a local company with a local veteran then donating the flag. The construction manager also got a disabled veteran to donate \$500.00 of Sherwin Williams paint and paint all the walls. Everyone thanked Kathleen for an excellent presentation.

Pres V expressed the importance of the heritage of the flag and how it is important to both Rotary and veterans. Pres V advised that the flagpole had an estimated value of \$1400-\$1500. Acme Lingo Flagpoles is setting up a drone to film the dedication ceremony on August 1st. Many veterans, local leaders and community stakeholders and e-club members will be there.

Pres V expressed concern that new DG May is not responding to Jerry's request for a call or a meeting. Pres V said he had also e-mailed the new DG and also received no response. Pres V said he does not want prospective members to join if the district is not going to properly support e-club. Pres V expressed dismay that the district would still not sign the charter for the on-campus program at Rutgers Camden due to insisting that students, who have limited resources, pay dues and that they meet more frequently than that which is required for other campus student clubs. He said that he felt the district was being multi-year disrespectful to the university and campus in violation of RI rules. He also expressed deep sadness that over 100 students who had expressed an interest in joining Rotaract, as many who had attended organizational meetings in the past, had lost the opportunity for Rotary experience because of the district. He said that he continued to be determined to resolve the matter once and for all so no more future students would be discriminated against as so many have now for years.

Pres V again thanked Nicole for keeping the club going during difficult times.

Pres V hopes to get community members to be guest speakers in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M.