

Rotary Club of New Jersey
August 10, 2023

Present: David Still, President
Michael Van Stine, Vice President
Manuel Nunez, Treasurer
Brianna Tiernan, Secretary
Kathleen Van Stine
Eston Spain
David Winter
Jay Young

David opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion of the natural disasters around the country took place prior to the meeting start. Dave W made a motion for sending \$300 to support the fires in Mau, Michael seconded. All were in favor.

Dave reported that at the next meeting 8/24 district governor will be joining the call. He encouraged everyone to bring guests and hopes all members will attend.

Michael gave his VP report. No Rotaract updates due to school being out of session. Michael mentioned that Victor got his fellowship with SCF approved following his dissertation defense. National Apprenticeship Program, Pets Plus. Michael spoke about Victor being passionate to help with the Ukraine Project.

Kathleen gave the SCF report. She reported that 2 guest speakers were set. The deadline for tickets is Aug 31. Kathleen spoke about moving up the deadline for next year so that ticket sales are set further in advance. Kathleen was able to find a veteran to help with the printing, he will get Kathleen a proposal. Michael did his model rocketry class today with 10 veterans. The coffee meetup had about 25 people. The bus brakes, tires, lights, and A/C are all done. The mechanic in Marlton would like some publicity and would like some pictures next Friday. The next mission is to get the bus painted. Manuel got a \$1000 sponsor and sold 4 tickets. Several business card sponsorships were purchased. Lexus of Cherry Hill is veteran-owned and woman-owned and bought a full-page ad. Michael spoke about the coffee & conversation and was pleased with the presentation about the service dogs from Mark Everle. Michael commented on the placement of not only the service dogs but also placing cats for those that could benefit from the emotional support rather than service dogs. Michael stated that every member needs to step up and help with ticket sales, membership for rotary, and not leaving everything up to Kathleen. David added that ticket sales need to start even earlier next year so we don't keep ending up in crunch time.

Mark Everle bought a table for the Gala.

Aug 26th, \$20 tickets for Mark's comedy night. The car show for the 27th was rescheduled.

Angelic Health has an event that Kathleen will be attending on the 28th, T mobile is also going to be visiting the center to speak with Kathleen.

Kathleen asked that everyone purchase their tickets asap.

Michael thinks we should reach out to Tom to reach out to the district for furthering the reach of ticket sales.

Manuel spoke about paying the rotary international bill of \$1038.

Jay presented Dave with the gavel and his plaque.

Michael inquired about Rotaract Invoices for Rutgers. Dave will follow up with all necessary parties.

Kathleen shared that she won a hotel night bid at the Rotary Event and will be passing it forward as a gala basket.

Dave adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be on the 24th with the district governor. Please bring guests.