

Rotary Club of New Jersey  
August 24, 2023

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

Dave opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all attendees.

Shy introduced herself; she is Manuel's daughter and is a new member to Rotary. She does catering/baking, and woodworking. Shy helps with SCF

Dave reminded everyone about rescheduling the District Governor's visit which will now be October 26th for logistical reasons. Dave encouraged members to bring guests every meeting and especially for the DG's visit so as to build membership for Rotary and SCF. There was an email that went out about sending assistance to Maui.

Dave spoke about two honors we can receive based on donation levels. One is a \$25 minimum per member and the other is a \$100 average per member. Our rotary club has held onto these honors and we would like to continue to make this goal.

Michael gave his VP report. Rotaract is not in session so there is no update. Michael clarified that the donations that Dave spoke on was minimum \$25 per person with 100%. The second is \$100 per capita. Michael informed everyone that we have the tickets for the "Big Game" from Indian Rock which we will not be starting until after the SCF Gala.

Kathleen was unable to attend today's meeting but Michael gave a report from Kathleen asking everyone to purchase their tickets if they have not yet. Michael spoke about the program for the gala being more structured this year.

Natalia had her baby boy so while her family is in this adjustment period the Ukraine Project is on hold.

Rotaract will be starting in September.

Michael spoke about the gardening project and the urgent need to order the supplies from Home Depot.

Michael spoke about the Rotary Grants being changed and how it will affect our promise to raise \$25,000 for sponsoring Mark Eberle's Service Dogs.

Dave spoke about utilizing social media for pulling donations to make the service dog project a success. Dave also spoke about getting a sponsorship to cover the operating costs for the gala

so that every aspect of fundraising from the gala is profit. Dave mentioned a few possibilities. Eston spoke on Subaru and their marketing for dogs and how this connects to SCF. Michael spoke about the disconnect between the club and the website. He suggested that we need to use our training to modernize.

David motioned to approve the minutes from 7/27 and 8/10. Manuel seconded. None were opposed.

Manuel gave the SCF update. He stated that Michael had covered most of the topics and the biggest issue at hand is ticket sales for the gala being sold within the week.. Manuel informed everyone that the bus has been dropped off for painting and will be ready for the gala.

Manuel also gave the financial report. We have \$603.43 in the account. Rotaract dues were paid which is \$45. \$75.05 needs to be paid, \$963 needs to be paid as well. Almost everyone is caught up on dues. Those that have been eliminated due to inactivity and non-contact still owe dues. Collection notices will be sent to those former members. SCF funds will be utilized to cover the current rotary international bills. SCF and Rotary are currently set up to support each other as needed.

Dave motioned to approve the financial report. Michael seconded, none were opposed.

Eston followed up about some of Michael's points with social media. He inquired if hashtags could be utilized to draw people to the website. He also inquired about the correlation between ticket sales and website hits from last year to this year. Eston will continue to make observations to improve social media usage for SCF.

David adjourned the meeting.