

Rotary District 7505 e-Club

January 25, 2021

Minutes

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

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

Pres V started by commenting how cold it was this day and that snow was expected tomorrow. He was pleased to advise that there are 3 tons of food at the Food Pantry. He thanked all the volunteers that keep the pantry operational and distributing both food and non-food items to the community. Pres V also was excited that the pantry has started preparing meals. Meals are being served in the room that was originally designed for banquet style functions. Staff are trying to move out some of the dry goods in order to serve more meals. The operation is going well. The pantry currently has four refrigerators with standard freezers and is going to purchase a pop-up freezer for the future. This will substantially increase the cold storage capacity.

Pres V thanked Nicole for her Holiday donation to the Harry Chapin foodbank and Dave W for donating 40 meals to St Matthews House Holiday meal distribution.

Pres V stated that he and Manny are working on several social media programs.

Pres V advised that the veteran's equine PTSD therapy program is working well even though the weather has been very cold. A video was made to be put on-line to show off the program.

Pres V stated he received an e-mail from AG Melanie regarding the 2021-2022 Rotary year and that he reconfirmed the current administrative structure. He also advised that he has finished two-thirds of the PETS training on-line. He discussed how the program forces you to read everything and that he found the sessions valuable. He enjoyed the session on personal improvement.

Pres V apologized for being unable to line up guest speakers due to his very busy schedule. He intends to see if we can get a few more speakers here and there. With the pandemic people are extensively homebound and are now more tuned into online video presentations.

Treasurer Manny provided the December 31, 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Pres V advised that the District is cancelling dues for the balance of this Rotary year.

Dave W suggested that members continue their quarterly payments and donate any excess to the club. All agreed.

Pres V discussed how he is still working on establishing the FLEX Club.

Pres V informed that his wife Kathleen was awarded a one-year BNI Membership worth \$1,000. And that many high-end local business leaders belong to the BNI. May be another source for future member recruitment once we can resolve the long-term club development plans.

Pres V said that one of the veterans was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and that a JAG attorney helped him obtain a settlement much of which he donated to the Veterans Center. That veteran is an experienced RC airplane enthusiast. The veteran is donating a huge RC airplane to the center for display in the main foyer area of the Lindenwold Veterans Center.

Pres V advised that the Veterans Center is now completely painted, and that half of the kitchen cabinets have been installed. A company called American Freight Surplus Appliance is providing all appliances at half price. Just a few more outlets need to be installed to accommodate the additional appliances. Also, final insulation, new LED lighting and flooring is almost complete. The Grand Opening is scheduled for Carlton Rouh's birthday (the Medal of Honor recipient veteran for whom the center is named) on May 11. However, it is expected that the center will reopen for actual use much earlier than that after it received its final inspection for a CO.

Dave Z said it is currently warm in North Carolina and that he did meet with a local PDG. He is spending time on the huge lake.

Everyone wished everyone a productive and safe next two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 P.M.