

Rotary Club of New Jersey
October 12, 2023

Present: David Still, President
Manuel Nunez, Treasurer
Brianna Tiernan, Secretary
Eston Spain
Dan Tangi
Viktor Krapivin

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

Dave asked for opinions on the guest speaker and format.

Manuel stated that he likes the opportunity to learn about other organizations and expand our experiences.

Dave explained that he hopes other members will bring forward guest speakers to keep growing the group.

Manuel and Eston spoke of Kenny who could be a good candidate for a speaker.

Dave reminded everyone that the next meeting 10/26 will be with the District Governor and Michelle the Assistant District Governor at the Rouh Center.

Big Game Tickets are available, and we need to get on selling them. We get half of the proceeds of whatever we sell so it's very helpful and important.

Dan inquired if Rotaract was involved in selling, which they currently are not.

Dave discussed a new app called Rayze which connects donors to non-profits directly through the app. It can also connect volunteers to non-profits. He and Kathleen also spoke to Tracey from the golf course; Tracey was encouraging us to host another golf outing/fundraiser. Dave and Kathleen are hoping that the golf course will be a sponsor moving forward. Dave also contacted Serv non profit for partnering on mental health/mental wellness

Manuel mentioned that 11/8 mental health first aid class (not just for veterans) 9-5 class. Manuel spoke about the coffee & conversation and how the new unit was a big hit and now we can start working on them. 4 of the 5 units in the building belong to SCF.

Dave spoke about next year's Gala and some options that are being worked out including a room change specifically during the wine hour. Dave spoke about the new sponsorships and a new level was created "event sponsor" for \$15,000. They would be featured prominently in the program. Once this sponsorship is covered all other sponsor levels and tickets will be pure profit. We aren't looking at small businesses for this level of sponsorship, this would be more of a mega-corporation. Utilize the center for a visit as enticement for sponsorships. The coffee and conversation is a great session to bring a sponsor too so they can see what exactly we do.

Manuel discussed the new website that is still in progress. Eston has been trialing pieces of it.

Dan suggested a networking event to bring in potential sponsors. Dave continued the idea as a brunch or meet and greet to show off the center and talk to potential sponsors. Dan suggested getting the list from Bob D for the senior expo vendors which Manuel explained we have that list.

11/16 Rouh Center Thankful for our Veterans Brunch 30-40 veterans registration required. Manuel explained that historically other businesses have been there as supporters but details will be confirmed with kathleen.

Manuel motioned for the minutes to be approved. Eston seconded, approved.

Dave thanked everyone for attending and adjourned.