

Rotary District 7505 e-Club

February 24, 2022

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Van Stine.

Present: Michael Van Stine-President
Manuel Nunez-Treasurer
David Winter-Secretary
Dan Tangi
James Young

Motion by Dave W second by Manny to approve the minutes of February 10, 202. Motion approved.

Pres V advised that Food Pantry Director, Dave Cornwell, received the Camden County Freedom Award.

Pres V commended veteran Mark Bodrog for writing a book about his platoon in Afghanistan. Mark wrote he had a traumatic war experience and lost a number of comrades. Mark also wrote a play titled "22 A Day" which has received critical acclaim and for which he also received the Camden County Freedom Award.

Pres V said the Rotaract E-Board students at Rutgers meet every Wednesday night. They are very ambitious, and he is hopeful they will participate in a future e-Club meeting. Rotaract members from all over the world submit videos that can be viewed at an RI website. The members are excited to apply for grants in the future. The students have really embraced e-Club. The first general body meeting is set for March 21. Mike will provide a schedule of future projects. Mike wants to give participants a Rotaract T-shirt as an incentive for their club solidarity. The color logo on the T-shirt will have a globe and a hand matching this year's Rotary logo and theme. Mike is hopeful the T-shirts will create questions such as "what is Rotaract?" and add to the support advertising and collaterals we have already provided the club. Manny will investigate the cost of the T-shirts.

Pres V said there is still \$1,000 in the old Rotaract account that can be used as seed money. Mike said it was very, very hard to get Rotaract restarted but that now it looks positive. Mike said the www.rutgersrotaract.org website is valid at all three Rutgers campuses.

Pres V said that all Rotarians can make up "Rotary Cards". Some people put their picture on the card and the color is always Rotary blue. Some also include their home address, role in the club, cell phone, and e-mail on the card.

Dave W suggested an end-of-year get together. Pres V said he would suggest the idea to the members.

Pres V stated that the Camden Rutgers campus is now open and the mask mandate there will be ending soon.

Pres V said that when there is a “tabling” event students often talk about their RYLA experience. The current Rotaract Board are really good students and represent Rutgers well.

Pres V said he has not purchased new member packets yet. He delegated the task to Manny. Mike wants a pin and a certificate in each packet.

Pres V said that the current membership is 25 and that his goal is still 30. The rebranding of our club will be accompanied with:

1. An updated mission statement
2. New membership development plans
3. New fundraising plans
4. Social sharing

Mike set a goal for each person to bring in a new member. He said the association with Rotaract and the Spectra Care Foundation will also no doubt yield many new members over time.

Dan clarified that the “tabling event” is set for February 28 and the general body meeting is on March 21.

Pres V said he is hopeful to obtain an International Grant for Rotaract from 10k to 30k which would allow students to hone their skills for international service. With the support of Rutgers, a two-million-dollar grant might be possible in the future.

Pres V said the Foundation hosted an event last month to provide the Medals of Honor and a host of other awards. Mike said there is a possibility of a black tie event on September 24 where a Medal of Honor could be given to the Patriot Fund. The Patriot Fund Golf Tournament raises 400k annually. The money is distributed to organizations that benefit veterans. Mike said he hopes some of the money can be used to help veterans in at-risk situations.

Pres V advised that Dave Z told Kathleen about a couple that was having eldercare difficulties. The assistance Kathleen provided seemed to be greatly appreciated.

Pres V said he still needed to unload the Camden library closure books from his pickup. James said “let me know when” and he will be there to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.