Rotary District 7505 e-Club

February 8, 2021

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by President Van Stine.

Present:

Michael Van Stine-President Manuel Nunez-Treasurer David Winter-Secretary Jerry Clark Dave Zelley

Pres V provided an update on the Rotary Club of NJ as well as the possibility of a Rotaract Club at Rutgers Camden actually happening after 5 years of delays. He advised that PDG Dave was able to talk to PDG Joanne regarding the transfer of charter from e-Club to Rotary Club of NJ. It might be possible to take paperwork directly to RI due to the support of several PDG's.

Pres V indicated he had some reservations that he wanted to resolve but that he had already spoken to several other people in the zone. PDG Bill is now a "zone liaison" for the district and must be included in all discussions. Pres V was hopeful for a meeting with PDG Bill, PDG Joanne, and other zone representatives. PDG Bill advised that there would be no discussions about past events. Pres V wants to have the past be the past and look forward positively.

Pres V talked about the need for e-Club members to support the concepts outlined and that it could be as simple as a name change. Jerry pointed out that RI must approve all name changes.

Pres V was hopeful that new members would join after the name change. He was also counting on support from other clubs since a Charter Night, which will not be duplicated, is always a fund raiser.

All members present offered verbal support. Pres V advised that after obtaining support from absent members, he would continue working on the process and that renaming would not require a new charter or by-laws.

Pres V advised that RI had approved accommodations for dues and membership requirements for college student joining a Rotaract Club. Pres V said that he would work with the Office of Student Involvement regarding enrollment decrease due to seniors graduating and new freshman students not arriving on campus till September.

Jerry expressed complete support for the process and asked if it would be better to wait until July 1.

Pres V said waiting would not be necessary since the process should be transparent.

Jerry said he thought the whole idea was a great opportunity.

Pres V to send out an e-mail tomorrow to other club members requesting support.

Pres V also talked about the State releasing funds supporting veterans as a result of the pandemic. He also said that the Food Pantry is doing a great job in helping out families in need. Pres V advised that the Grand Opening of the Veterans Center will be May 11 from 4P.M. to 7P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.