

Rotary Club of New Jersey

February 9, 2023

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Young.

Present:

- Jay Young-President
- Michael Van Stine-Vice President
- Manuel Nunez-Treasurer
- David Winter-Secretary
- Brianna Tiernan
- Dave Zelley
- Dave Still
- Eston Spain
- Kathleen Van Stine

Pres Jay led club members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by VP Michael, second by Manny, to approve the minutes of January 12 and January 26, 2023.
Motion approved.

Pres Jay said the meeting with the DG was an excellent meeting and RCNJ members really showed up in force. He congratulated Kathleen for receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship Award. An honor well deserved. Jay said Kathleen played a major role in increasing club membership.

Kathleen said the award was a total surprise. The success of the club is a real team effort. She said giving back to the community is very rewarding.

VP Michael said many district clubs are small due to the size of the community and that a diverse membership can help make the club successful. Mike said he hung the numerous club banners at the SCF building today.

Pres Jay thanked VVP Michael for his efforts on the Rutgers Camden Rotaract Club.

VP Michael said he had lunch with the campus advisor recently. He said the club will hold a meeting very soon and that two more new members have joined.

Pres Jay said PDG Dave Z will be a speaker at an upcoming meeting.

VP Michael said that Dave Z's mission trip to Africa has been postponed till the fall.

Dave Z said the trio is now scheduled for October 31 to November 7. He said he is also sponsoring a student attending Dental School who will specialize in making dentures.

Pres Jay urged members to think of a fundraiser prior to the end of the year,

Kathleen said the Love Our Veterans Dinner is set for February 16 from 5 to 7 P.M. The food has been donated. She also said that next Saturday there will be a photography class for veterans.

VP Michael said a bus has been donated to the Veterans Center to transport veterans and it will be decorated by Justin. Mike said the gardening project will start on March 23. He also said the model rocket program will hold a model rocketing class. Mike said on April 27 there will be a veterans' benefit program and that NovaCare will help with veterans' care.

VP Michael announced that this year's GALA will be held on September 15. He also said there will be an upcoming program at the Veterans Center specifically for female veterans. Mike also said that a number of veterans are now Boy Scout Advisors.

VP Michael said that he and Kathleen both keep Rotary applications nearby every time they meet with people just in case the person may have an interest in joining. Kathleen said if the setting is not right she does not ask but most people do not object to being asked.

VP Michael moved, and Dave W seconded, a motion to commit a \$300 donation to a Rotary Club in Turkey. Motion approved. Mike said it might be necessary to send the funds to the Red Cross for distribution.

VP Michael said that where the club is going is just as important as where the club has been and that the club is definitely on a positive path. Mike said he is actively seeking to get a Rutgers Camden Administrator to join the club.

Pres Jay echoed Mike's comment that the club is on a positive path.

VP Michael suggested that the two club bank accounts be joined, and that treasurer Manny can track the funds appropriately. All were in agreement.

Manny said his bowling has been off a little maybe due to the cold weather.

Dave shot an 80 this week and was pleased. (ARRRGGGHHHHow does he do it added by the whole group in envy!!!)

Brianna said she is still working on the sweater. 😊

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.