

Rotary Club of New Jersey

April 27, 2023

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Jay Young

Present:

Jay Young-President

Michael Van Stine-Vice President

Manuel Nunez-Treasurer

David Winter-Secretary

Kathleen Van Stine

Armond Bucci

Dave Zelle

Dan Tangi

Eston Spain

VP Michael led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Manny seconded by Dave W to approve the minutes of April 13, 2023. It was noted by Dan that his name was missing from the minutes as being in attendance. VP Michael assured that would be corrected. With that change being made, the motion was approved.

VP Michael reminded that Dave W. could not be in attendance tonight because of his travel schedule so he agreed to be acting secretary for this meeting and will be taking the minutes.

VP Michael said we needed two members to attend district training for eligibility to submit a district grant for this year. Pres Elect Dave's attendance at PETS covered his eligibility. He said he would be the second to attend a virtual session on May 6th.

Kathleen announced that representatives from Rothkopf and Humana had committed to sponsorships for the foundation's fall gala.

VP Michael provided an update on RUC Rotaract. He announced that the necessary paperwork for recertification of the club for next year had been filed to identify the three required minimal officers who were elected. He said he agreed to serve another term as President (no other student wanted to do it), Brenda Babulal would serve as Secretary, and Danna Green would serve as Treasurer. He then informed

all that the club's recertification has been approved. This will allow the club to apply for funding to sponsor events on campus. There are plans for two events – one in the fall and one in the spring- topics yet to be identified. He also added that one of the larger campus organizations called Green Thumbs had expressed an interest in partnering in the second greenhouse project with North Camden Community Gardens. This is exciting as it expands Rotaract's expansion and partnerships on campus.

Pres Jay then called on Treasurer Manual to deliver the Treasurer's Report. He reported that cash balances were \$5,067.67 in the admin account and \$3,197.50 in the charity account which will shortly be combined into one account. There was a \$500 charitable distribution made to the Rotary Foundation that was being made as a charitable distribution in support of the upcoming dental mission to Zambia. VP Michael reminded all this was all money that had been donated to the club by Secretary Dave W. originally intended to support tuition needed by a student from a previous mission, but Dave Z said the student had covered the tuition another way and the Zambia mission was short on cash.

VP Michael asked Dave Z how things were going at his new home club in Denver NC. He reported that the club was very large with over 100 members and that they were doing many exciting projects. He said the members were really nice people and he was enjoying the camaraderie.

Armond reported that he was working to get sponsorship for the fall gala from Ocean One Ford. Kathleen expressed appreciation for all Armond was doing to help on fundraising for the gala.

Pres Jay then asked how we were making out on the district grant project. VP Michael said he was still working on getting the greenhouses and the other items ordered but that we would meet our expenditure and reporting requirements before the end of June.

Kathleen announced there would be an event at the foundation center with former member Marisa Bentancourt and that all were invited to attend if they would like to come. It was being supported with donated food from Mission Barbeque. She also reminded all of the Senior Expo event on May 3rd where the CRR Center would be sponsoring a booth. This has been a long-term relationship for us attached to Bob Dalessandro who has made independent donations to the foundation over the years in support of our annual events. He is directly connected to the team that organizes the expo and had arranged that we were the recipient of the event's proceeds last year. We also recognized his father as a WW II C-47 pilot at last year's gala.

After some final kinship exchanges, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.