

Rotary Club of New Jersey

June 22, 2023

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by President Young.

Present:

- Jay Young-President
- Michael Van Stine-Vice President
- Manuel Nunez-Treasurer
- David Winter-Secretary
- Dave Zelle
- Eston Spain
- Brianna Tiernan
- Dave Still
- Kathleen Van Stine
- Qawl Austin-guest
- Wade Inge-Guest

Pres Jay started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pres Jay said his year as president was an awesome experience. He thanked all members for their support in accomplishing so many positive activities. Jay said he hoped all could bring one friend to continue to increase membership. He also thanked VP Michael for his work on getting Rotaract at Camden rechartered, advanced statewide, removing the age barrier internationally and creating the first statewide club in RCNJ in any known Rotary history.

VP Michael thanked Pres Jay, and said there are currently 13 students in the Rotaract Club at Rutgers Camden. Two students left due to graduation. Mike said out of over 60 student organizations, Green Thumb has over 135 members. Mike said the second greenhouse is going to the North Camden Community Garden and he hopes to attract at least 10% of Green Thumb participants into Rotaract. Mike said he continues to work on an International Project with the New Brunswick and Newark campuses of Rutgers.

VP Michael commended the partnership between RCNJ and the SCF for increasing the programs offered to veterans and the community. Mike said the last meetings minutes will be combined with this meeting's minutes for approval at our next meeting..

VP Michael thanked Nicole and Dave W. for helping keep the e-Club going and thanked Dave W for his tireless work on recording minutes. Pres Jay also thanked Dave W for his efforts.

VP Michael said he met with representatives of Unit B and Unit C at the 777 HQ building for the club and foundation and continues to hope they will donate these units to SCF. Mike said both units could be renovated to make them compatible with club/SCF expansion needs.

Pres Y thanked VP Michael for his efforts to acquire Unit B and Unit C.

VP Michael said he, Kathleen, Manuel, and Dave all attended a great ceremony at the Battleship New Jersey where Pres Jay was honored. Pres Jay said he served for 20 years and 1 month and was honored to be recognized for his service, commenting he was the only honoree with over 20 years of service. Jay said some Viet Nam veterans were not welcomed home and he applauded those who paved the way for him to serve. He said his recognition was greatly appreciated.

Manny then gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Dave W second by VP Michael to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion approved. Manny said a decision must be made to keep some people as members.

VPVS said the \$300 donation to Ukraine should be made to a rehab facility for injured soldiers.

Kathleen said the latest coffee meeting had a great turnout. She also said a veteran is helping to get paint for the bus. Eston said she has the equipment to paint the bus.

Kathleen said the PTSD gardening program is going great along with the photography classes. She said on Saturday she will meet with a veteran who is doing a podcast on the SCF. Kathleen said recovering kittie Pumpkin is doing great with Eston and they were working on a video on Pumpkin's success. She said the next CPR class is set for July 13 and is free.

VP Michael said the rocket class will start with the basics including a starter pack so all can do the same project. Then all can go through the catalog to select individual choices.

Manny said the coffee fundraiser is doing well. \$5 of each sale goes to the Foundation.

Pres Jay thanked Kathleen for all her work for the SCF and RCNJ. Jay also thanked Qawl Austin and Wade Inge for joining the group tonight! Qawl said he is involved in several organizations and I President of the Walker School of Business. Kathleen also thanked both of them for joining the meeting and expressed hopes they would become members.

Pres Jay said the district changeover dinner will be on July 7 at Indian Springs.

VP Michael said there will be a dinner at the CRR Center for our incoming president Dave on July 13th. He also thanked Brianna for taking over the secretary's duties.

Dave W. said he won two golf matches with friends this week.

Manny said he finished the winter league at 193 and has a 200 average for the summer.

Brianna said she crotched a small bag. Dave Z said his brother came out of a 2-month coma!

All concentrated on the miracles of life and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.