

Rotary Club of New Jersey
July 27, 2023

Present: Michael Van Stine, Vice President
Manuel Nunez, Treasurer
Brianna Tiernan, Secretary
Eston Spain
Armand Bucci
Dan Tangi
Kathleen Van Stine
David Winter

Michael opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Michael discussed the symbolism of aspiration with the flag.

Michael recommends tabling the minutes from the previous meeting due to email issues and possible tweaks.

Michael discussed the Change Over Dinner and how pleasant it was. He spoke about the trajectory of the group and the expansion of the attendees.

Michel gave the VP report. He spoke about Viktor and his path in the Doctoral program at Stanford University. Michel shared that Viktor has been enjoying Rotary and will be extending his fellowship working on the Ukraine project and electronic fundraising utilizing social media. The Ukraine project will collaborate with Rotaract and Natalia who will be joining the Rotary Club. Michael will be arranging a virtual meeting between Natalia and Viktor. As far as the Greenhouse project is concerned, Michael stated that he was hesitant about sending out the year-end report because of the greenhouse. He explained that the physical greenhouse is supposed to connect to the side of the building, but the siding of the building is deteriorating. Kathleen has secured new/temporary siding. The Greenhouse project will be put on hold until work can be completed. John the customer service manager will be working to help order the greenhouse that will go to North Camden.

Kathleen added that the boards were donated by Carlo's Lumber. John from Home Depot is working with us. If anyone knows of a contractor or carpenter that can do the siding work as a tax write off to please let Kathleen know.

Michael discussed the need for managing logistics of ordering the dirt and seeds and all the miscellaneous purchasing for north Camden.

Michael informed the club that Joanne would be continuing as the grant officer.

Rotaract is on hold until the fall because of school being out of session. Michael will give a report after September 1.

The grant has been extended to August 15th instead of July 31st Michael wrote the grant for President Dave (due to personal circumstances) for \$4500. The grant amount has also been lowered from \$1700 to \$1400 so more fundraising will have to be done for this.

Michael's last piece of report is that he has registered the name "Rotary Foundation of New Jersey" he had been using for SCF so that fundraising can be done correctly for the foundation.

This is done for accounting purposes to have a line item for Rotary Club of NJ and a separate line item for Rotary Foundation of NJ.

Mental Health programs are what Dave wants to focus on. Michael reported that the Rotary International President has also selected Mental Health as a focus.

Kathleen reported that Dave's father has his first surgery, there will be a second surgery followed by rehab.

Kathleen reported that August 8th (Tuesday evening) Phillies night for strike out hunger. \$25. The Gala will be on September 15th, tickets deadline is August 31st. Confirmed one guest speaker, a Doctor of nursing and waiting on the state commander. Michael and Kathleen spent several hours speaking to (someone) and bob price August 27th Car Show @ promenade in Marlton from 8-11a proceeds to SCF.

Michael asked if anyone had any comments or questions on operations.

Manuel presented part of the financial report. We got the grant and had to order the greenhouse by June 30th. So, what we have now is \$1564 in our account. Michael explained that we needed to complete the grant according to the guidelines and this was prior to the consolidation of the two accounts we used to have. Since the greenhouse has not been purchased yet, it still shows in the account, but Manuel has been floating money since we know it has been allocated. There are also new Rotary Rules, and we can financially assist Rotaract since we are sponsoring their club. Manuel asked everyone present to pay their dues if they have not already done so. Manuel spoke about the new website and being able to track the membership dues on there. He is currently using club express and spreadsheets to track.

If anyone has not received the magazine, please let Manuel know.

David Winter reported on the Torch Closing Ceremony. He stated that it was magnificent and had good weather during the ceremony. There were 60 participants that he was involved with 10 of them. He enjoys being able to watch these students learn about themselves and grow. The advisors and counselors at torch do a great job with self-confidence. The keynote speaker was the NJ teacher of the year. A few of the kids are her students. It couldn't have gone better. One thought: the Moorestown HS Rotaract is attempting to create a compost facility. They think it will cost \$300 and David made a motion to commit \$100 for them. Michael Seconded. All in favor.

Michael informed the club that Torch has a website and David has been involved for a long time. Torchleadershipacademy.org Michael would like to see the club supporting Torch more and more as we're able.

Michael adjourned.