

I. CALL TO ORDER

We met Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Grand Appiza in Clinton. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Welcome visitors and guests: none

Rotary Attendance: Renee Szewczyk, Ruth Baker, Michael Richards, Andy Berliner, Ted Eastwood, Linda Gworek, Maria Varga, Dick Mason and Tony Raucchi .

Mail/Communications: There were several bills and bank statements, There was also a thank you note from Liz and Pal Eagan for our recent contribution to their fundraiser to benefit Smilow Cancer center where Paul is being treated.

Amendments / Approval of Minutes from Thursday, Maria made a motion to approve to accept the second set of minutes that were amended and sent out to membership. Ted seconded and they were approved.

Rotary Minute: Renee shared a Jim Beardsley “treasure”.

II. NEW BUSINESS

World Polio Day is being observed on October 24th. Maria made a motion to donate \$100 to the cause which has been a Rotary mission for years, Polio. Andy seconded, the motion and all were in favor.

III. FOLLOW UP

Harry Swaun Pavilion: Dick has been in communication with Kelli from Park and Rec. to get figures for the grant proposal to purchase benches for the Pavilion.

Corn hole raffle: Prizes are still coming in.

Summerfest 8/28: Renee has heard some figures from the event, nothing firm. Event was well attended.

IV. FUNDRAISERS:

Rock Around the Clock: Tony reported that there has been an issue with one of the bands he had planned to hire for the event. Instead of “Ticket to Ride” he has contracted a band called Number 9. He is waiting to hear more from the Killingworth Dance Corner about their participation in the performance. He said he is also aware that the Interact position at Morgan has been posted and there might be someone who is interested in being an Advisor.

Cornhole Tournament: Dick gave a full report about the event. He went over the list of sponsors and raffle prizes. We still could use teams to participate. He passed around a work sign-up sheet for the day. The event has so far raised over \$3,000 that is profit. Renee introduced a unique way to do the raffle with a new form of printed tickets. She offered to bring mason jars for ticket placement at the event. Dick would check with Joyce since she has already done some prep work for this segment of the tournament. We discussed children's game area. Michael will check with a family member to borrow the large connect 4 board and Maria has ordered some other items. Dick also went over the list of items we need (cashbox, tables, etc)

IV. PROJECTS / SERVICES:

Clinton Rotary/Clinton CVFD Food Drives (Liberty Bank) : Dee has spoken to Stop and Shop and has set tentative dates for our annual food drives. They will be October 16/17 and November 20/21 from 9-1. Maria informed the members in attendance that Dee had texted her and had canceled the October weekend because it is the same weekend as the Feed Your Neighbors event. Clinton is the lead club for this project . Renee, has however heard from Michael Perry and because of Covid concerns the packing event will be postponed to the spring.

Ruth reported she has heard form Sharon Mennick from the Shoreline Soup Kitchen. Sharon said they are meeting soon to discuss the return of in person dinners at the Clinton location.

Dick said he had heard that the Killingworth Food Pantry is in need of resources. He will research further how we might be able to assist them.

DICTIONARY PROJECT: Linda has received a number (110) from Joel School. Dick has one number from H/K district and when he has both will order the books. Drop off and a photo op will be possible at Joel for everyone's safety. Books will be shipped to Linda. Labels are ready. She will get the shipment ready for distribution.

On another note speaking of printed labels, Maria is proofing stationary mock up at Technique as soon as it is ready.

Mother's Day Flower Sale: Renee informed the members present that policies for booking outside events at the Legion are up for review. The Legion is looking for more ways to increase their income because of losing the day care tenant. Discussion about other possible locations occurred. Item tabled until we know more as to the direction the Legion is taking.

VII. ADJOURNMENT / 4 WAY TEST:

Meeting adjourned 7:47 pm.

Respectfully written,
Linda Gworek