

## **Clinton Rotary Club Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 14, 2022**

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:29pm. We met at Charmard Vineyard.

### **Welcome Visitors and Guests:**

No visitors or guests.

### **Rotarians in Attendance:**

Renee Szewczyk, Michael Richards, Tony Raucci, Tom Houpert, Ted Eastwood, Dick Mason, Ruth Baker, Andrew Marzano and Maria Varga.

### **Mail and Communications:**

Bank and investment statements were given to our treasurer. A request for support was addressed to Clinton Rotary by Killingworth Women's Club. A thank you card was received from scholarship recipient and immediate past Interact President, Brendan Daly. A check for \$1250.00 was received from Steward's Hardware for CRCRF. Requests were received from Jenny Kohl, The Diaper Bank and Engineers Without Borders for a water project in Kenyon.

Approval of Minutes of the June 23, 2022 meeting, a motion was made to accept the minutes by Ted and seconded by Tony. Minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Rotary Minute:**

President Renee shared a quote focused on Success.

### **New Business**

The Killingworth Women's Club requested a \$200.00 sponsorship for an upcoming seminar focused on aging and senior care to be held in Killingworth on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Maria made a motion to support this worthwhile event, Michael seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.

Renee led our discussion on club goals for the 2022-2023 Rotary year. Goals include:

- Club Membership
- Support for our community members with food insecurity

- Support for our community members with heating and fuel insecurity

\$3000.00 was the amount discussed to focus on our community food and fuel needs. Dick brought up our annual Liberty Bank Thanksgiving Food Drive. He is willing to approach Dee Tully to determine if she is interested in “chairing” this event as she is committed to supporting the Food Pantry.

Discussion was also focused on a possible “Breakfast Meeting” event held either at The Clinton Country Club or The Memory Care Center in town. This would be a membership and community event.

Dick shared our club’s financial report and health and assured us we are in good shape as we approach a year of philanthropy. Tony shared information related to the annual ST. Jude Lyman Orchard fund raiser scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Maria made a motion to sponsor this worthwhile event for \$500.00, the same amount as our sponsorship last year. Michael seconded this motion. This motion was approved unanimously.

### **Follow up**

**Soup Kitchen**, Renee shared that she and Ray will purchase the microwave that our club approved previously from Shoreline Appliances and will deliver it to the Soup Kitchen at The Methodist Church.

### **Fundraisers**

**Annual Corn Hole**, Dick shared information and the press release for this event. He and Ted will visit the Elks Club to finalize menu and event details. Dick has contact information regarding sponsors, team and players. Andrew discussed complimentary tickets and teams for big sponsors and more importantly share our appreciation of businesses who continue to support our club events.

Scholarship Application and process needs to be reviewed and updated. Amount of scholarships also needs to be reviewed. Linda will lead this process. **Our entire club misses Linda and sends her our best wishes for a very speedy recovery!** Purchasing gift cards for our Student of the Month recipients was discussed and \$25.00 gift cards were suggested.

### **Other**

Chief DiMaio would like to visit our club for a meeting as would representatives from the Diaper Bank and Engineers Without Borders. Dick and Andrew will arrange this with Renee.

Ted suggested a barbeque or soup “cook off” to be held possible behind the Town Hall. Some discussion followed.

This was a very busy and productive meeting. Hopefully, everything discussed was included.

Adjournment: Meeting was closed with the four way test at 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted by Maria Varga