

Clinton Rotary Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. We met on line with Zoom.

Welcome Visitors or Guests:

There were no visitors or guests.

Rotary Attendance:

Renee Szewczyk, Andrew Marzanno, Michael Richards, Maria Varga, Andy Berliner, Tony Raucci, Tom Houpert and Linda Gworek.

Mail and Communications:

There were several bank statements and two thank you notes. One was from Dances with Wood and the other was from Nancy Burns , Quilts of Valor . They both were extremely appreciative for our donations to their programs.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 13, 2022)

Motion to accept minutes of our previous meeting by Renee and seconded by Tony
Approved unanimously.

Rotary Minute:

Renee shared a thought from Jim Beardsley for our meeting.

New Business:

Renee had put “Food Drive” on the agenda. Dee has informed her that there are no plans for a drive in the near future. There is no news on the Soup Kitchen and when it might begin operations.

Discussion on when we might be meeting in person . Our meeting dates for March are the 10th and the 24th. Thoughts are we would be trying to meet in person for those . Maria will check with the Country Club about their ability to host us .

Follow up

All agree the Giving Tree project at the Middlesex Shoreline Clinic is a great project. Linda had sent members photos of the tree in the lobby of the clinic after it was decorated with a Valentine's theme. Maria and Linda have supplied some of the items so far. There was a discussion of what type of figure we should use for a monthly budget if individuals would like to be reimbursed or someone needs to purchase some items to replenish the supply. No item should be much more than \$5.00. It was suggested that we begin with allotting \$100.00 per month (motion by Renee) . It was seconded and approved. If anyone has any items they purchase, they can be dropped off at Sandy's home on Glenwood Road or let Linda know and she will pick up. The Interact Club at Morgan will create the monthly decorations for the tree. We had previously voted to give them \$500 for supplies , but in speaking to Diana Rizzo they really don't need any funding at the moment. Diana has found out that there is over \$2,000 in an account at Morgan for Interact. Linda suggested that the club several years previously had done some fundraisers and the monies were probably left from those efforts.

Fundraisers

Tony gave an update about the June concert. He will be holding a zoom meeting with the dancers. He has the program planned out. We have received our first sponsorship from Spazzo. Michael has the sponsorship forms. Linda will print off thank you letters to sponsors on our new stationary.

Projects/Service

The day of Rotary service will be Saturday, April 9th. We will be cleaning and sprucing up Esposito beach. We also will place bulbs and flowering plants in the planters. The DPW director, Tod Hajeck is aware and approves of our efforts. Maria will enter the info about our plans on the district website and we hope that Dee (since she handles the Facebook page) can announce our plans or give us some publicity). Maria will go to the Clinton sport shop to see if we can order some new t shirts so we can look uniform and identify ourselves at the cleanup.

The benches for the Peters Complex have been ordered and scheduled for delivery. Dick has been informing membership about the progress of this project. A presentation to Park and Rec may be done at the end of May once delivery has been received. It might be a nice idea to invite Harry's children to this.

Other

Linda had three items to share info about. Interact is going well and Diana Rizzo is doing a wonderful job . She has sent Linda a list of the things they have been able to do and she will send that out to membership. The scholarship forms have been updated on our website and have been delivered to the Morgan guidance office and the six schools that Clinton seniors attend. Student of the month for February is set. His name is Abel Rodriguez. He is a junior at Morgan, Vice president of Interact and along with other things he is the school rep to the Board of Education.

Adjournment: Meeting was closed with the four way test at 7:18pm