

Clinton Rotary Club Minutes

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. We met online with Zoom

Welcome Visitors or guests:

There were no visitors or guests.

Rotary Attendance:

Renee Szewczyk, Andrew Marzanno, Michael Richards, Tony Raucci, Andy Berliner, Tom Houpert, Dick Mason, Nelson Vincenty, Angie Vincenty, and Maria Varga.

Mail and Communications:

We received a request from the CT Burn Center, a check for \$50.00 from the Connecticut State Revenue Department, two checks for CRCRF, one for \$1000.00 from the Lupone Family in memory of Richie, and financial statements from Morgan Stanley.

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

A motion was made by Dick to approve the minutes from the 1/13/22 meeting and seconded by Tony. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Rotary Minute:

The Rotary Minute was tabled until our next meeting.

New Business:

Renee brought up District 7980 Day of Service scheduled for April 9th. Andrew suggested Esposito Beach cleanup and possibly planting hearty annuals in the tree planters there. Everyone in attendance agreed with this Service Project. Renee will contact the town hall to secure permission for our project.

Members in attendance discussed club meetings and it was agreed that we would continue club meetings via Zoom until March, 2022.

Follow Up:

Acknowledge area businesses that have supported our club through donations and sponsorships were discussed. Andrew is putting together a list and speaking with Dick about putting this together in the spring.

Student of the Month – Renee attended and met Linda at the Morgan School to honor the very accomplished student. She is one of three children being raised by a single mother. A new SOM plaque is being ordered. Linda has taken charge of this. Dick is prepared to handle the payment for that and the shirts that have been ordered for Interact.

Fundraisers:

Tony reported that he is about 99% finished with preparing the details for the June concert. He found two more couples to perform. The focus right now should be finding sponsors. Michael and members of the committee have the forms and should get started now. Dick spoke with Police Chief Di Maio and our event is on his calendar and will get back to the club with policing needs for the concert based on attendance. Andrew has set up our website with information related to this event.

Projects/Service:

Our club has received requests for support earlier that need to be addressed. Dick reviewed the request received from **Dances with Wood**, Maria made a motion to donate **\$150.00**, Nelson seconded this motion and after discussion that included having Woody attend and speak at a club meeting, this motion was unanimously approved.

Shoreline Literacy Volunteers made a request for funding. Tom shared his experiences as President of this organization and his experiences teaching English as a second language in Egypt. Rotary International supports literacy and literacy projects all over the world. Tom made a motion to donate **\$500.00**, Andy seconded this motion and after discussion, this motion was unanimously approved.

A request from the Estuary Council was also received. This was tabled until our next meeting.

Dick gave us an update on our District Managed Grant. The bench and table were ordered and we will pay the vendor directly. He is working directly with Kelly from Clinton Park & Recreation.

Other:

Our club sends Birthday wishes to Ruth Baker who will be celebrating her special day on Friday, February 4th!

We missed seeing Ruth, Ted, Linda and Dee at our meeting this week and hope to see you at our next club meeting!

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 10th at 6:30pm on Zoom. Please make an effort to attend this meeting. Thank You!

Adjournment/Four Way Test

7:16pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maria Varga