

CLINTON ROTARY MEETING MINUTES

JULY 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

We met Thursday, July 22, 2021 at Grand Appiza in Clinton. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

Welcome visitors and guests: none

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

Mail/Communications: Bank statements and a pamphlet from the Dictionary Project. A brief discussion was held about the Dictionary project and our participation. Linda will check with Joel school as a courtesy if they wish us to continue and Dick will check with Annie (Nutmeg Virtual club) if they are going to take over the project in Killingworth schools.

Amendments / Approval of Minutes from Thursday, July 15: Marie made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous week's meeting as written. Renee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes unanimously.

Rotary Minute: Renee shared some Jim B's advice about gratitude.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Renee spoke to Paul Orsini at the Chamber. We will be able to set up a table at the Clinton Summerfest on August 28th that will include info about our club and Corn Hole Tournament . Renee asked if anyone had a 10 by 10 canopy we could use over the table. Help will be needed at the beer and wine booth we will be participating in. (Ruth and Tom have already said they would) Mike offered to be at the info table. More help will be needed.

III. FOLLOW UP

Committees :

Club Administration: Andrew(Chair) Andy

Project Service: Michael R.(Chair), members: Ruth B., Maria V.

Membership: Renee S.(Chair), members: Tony R., Dick M., Tom H.

Public Image: Members: Andrew M., Dick M. (Joyce)

Harry Swaun Pavilion: Linda met with Bo Potter . He explained the progress that had been made and that the pavilion has been constructed. The choice to replace the pavilion and name it in memory for Harry was made because of the many contributions that Harry made to the athletic programs that used the facility. Harry also saw the area as a gathering

place for children and families who use the Peters Complex and was upset when the first one had to be removed. There is a wishlist for items to complete the project (picnic tables and benches) . There will also be a garden area with shrubs and plantings on the left side of the pavilion near the parking lot. If we participate our names would be on a plaque that is also planned on the site. There was a motion to participate in the Harry Swaun memorial project , It was seconded and approved with a figure of no more than \$2,500 max to purchase benches that we would be able to place a plaque on indicating our donation. Dick offered to write a DGM application to fund the project to get some of the funds.

IV. FUNDRAISERS:

Corn hole - Sunday, September 26: Dick announced we do have a definite commitment for the Gold sponsorship for the tournament. Chris Damon Ameriprise has agreed to be our top sponsor. Joyce has agreed to help organize raffle. Members discussed what businesses they will solicit for prizes.

Rock Around the Clock (May / June 2022) - no report at this time

Dick had brochures from Old Saybrook Rotary for their Golf Tournament.

IV. PROJECTS / SERVICES:

District Managed grant: Dick took the training and test on line, but had not heard directly about results. Renee did the same for the Memorandum of Understanding.

The passing of Nancy Dunn , he wife of Jerry Dunn was acknowledged. Renee made a motion that our club send a \$100 donation to the Clinton Fire Department (as requested by family) in her honor and memory. Seconded by Andy and approved by members in attendance.

VII. ADJOURNMENT / 4 WAY TEST:

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

Respectfully written,
Linda Gworek