

Clinton Rotary Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm. We met at The Fishtale in Westbrook.

Welcome Visitors or Guests:

Nancy McCormick, Killingworth Women's Organization

Rotary Attendance:

Renee Szewczyk, Dee Tully, Andrew Marzanno, Ted Eastwood, Andy Berliner, Michael Richards, Dick Mason, Maria Varga, Nelson Vincenty, Angie Vincenty and Linda Gworek.

Mail and Communications:

We are in receipt of some bank and investment statements. We received a thank you for our donation to the Haitian Health Foundation. There was also a thank you card from The Burr Elementary School for our recent presentation of dictionaries for the 3rd graders.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (October 28, 2021)

Motion to accept minutes of our previous meeting by Dee and seconded by Andrew. Approved unanimously.

Rotary Minute:

Renee shared a thought from John Lennon.

Speaker: Nancy McCormick

Nancy Joined us this evening to receive a check from our club to benefit the Killingworth Food Panty. She spoke about the refurbished space (pantry located at the traffic circle in Killingworth in the building that is also marked for the State

Trooper) and the fact that no monetary donations have gone into the pantry's upgrades.

New Business:

Support for Afghan refugees was tabled. Dick, however, shared he had listened to a forum last week addressing the situation, His take away was that substantial monies have been raised, but now the need was furnishings for the families who are relocating to the area. Maria spoke to the info she had heard about the Congregational Church in Old Lyme who has been helping a family who has already arrived.

Follow up:

Our share from the Summerfest Beer and Wine Garden was \$675.00

Dee distributed our business cards to those members who were present.

Fundraisers:

Tony held a zoom meeting for the Concert Committee. Tony is continuing to look for dancers for that portion of the show. Dick will check with our local Police Department about the security and traffic detail needed.

Projects/Service:

Dee discussed the Liberty Bank food drive to be held the weekend of November 20/21. She explained when deposit would have to be made for the matching funds from the Bank. Help will be needed from 9-1 at the parking lot entrance of Stop and Shop. Dee shared that some very generous checks have been received.

Renee shared she attended the Soup Kitchen's reorganizational meeting. The general consensus is that we should continue to support the efforts of the Soup Kitchen by agreeing to take 4 events a year. More information will be coming out and training will be held for organizations willing to do so as new protocols will need to be put in place .

Good of Club:

Maria has offered her home for a Clinton Rotary Christmas gathering on Thursday, December 9th. This will be a BYOB and she will send out more info as the time gets closer.

Student of the month: The Morgan Faculty has chosen Brendan Daly to be the November Student of the Month. Linda will make the presentation of the school plaque and the gift to Brendan at a convenient time at Morgan.

Interact is holding a sock drive for a homeless shelter this month. They meet every other Monday morning at Morgan before classes.

Happy dollars will begin in the new year. January meetings have been set for January 13th and January 27th,

Andrew suggested we find a way to acknowledge businesses who have consistently supported our efforts through their sponsorships for our events or projects. Certificates of appreciation or perhaps a reception in the future to thank them for their generosity were discussed.

Adjournment:

Meeting was closed at 7:40 with the four way test.

Respectfully recorded, Linda Gworek