

Clinton Rotary Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 28, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 . We met at Charmard Vineyards in the tasting room.

Welcome Visitors or Guests:

none

Rotary Attendance:

Renee Szewczyk, Dee Tully, Michael Richards, Ruth Baker, Maria Varga, Nelson Vincenty, Angie Vincenty Dick Mason, Tony Raucci, Linda Gworek.

Mail and Communications:

There were two thank you notes for our gift of Dictionaries to the Killingworth and Clinton Elementary schools. Linda suggested that since we have pictures of the presentation and it would be nice to begin collecting them and saving photos of our events into a album .

Amendments /Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (October 14, 2021)

Motion to accept by Renee, seconded by Renee . Approved unanimously.

Rotary Minute:

A Jim Beardsley treasure from the Cookbook collection was shared.

New Business:

We discussed financial support for the Connecticut Afghan refugees. The Westport Rotary Club has published information about the need for help for these individuals that will be seeking residence in our state. Info may be seen on this link:

<https://westportrotary.org/community-giving>

We decided to table this topic after possibly having a speaker possibly zoom one evening at one of our meetings.

We had tabled a request from the Clinton Fire Department for their Anual Drive. It was discussed at this meeting and subsequentially there was a motion by Maria , seconded by Nelson to approve a \$100 donation.

Motion passed.

Followup:

Renne contacted the Chamber to see if there were any figures available. Our portion will be approximately \$600.

Corn hole Tournament: Dick reported that the end figure and our profit was \$ \$4,378.44. A date has been reserved for September 2022.

Membership Id cards: Dee passed out the finished proofs of individual cards . They will now go to the printing process.

Fundraisers:

Rock Around the Clock: Tony presented a full overview of the details of the event;
Date of event, June 18th

Two bands contratced : Convertibles, Number 9 (Beatles tribute)
Special guest and comedy element to be included

Nicole Peterson at the Dance Corner will be instrumental in designing the dance and training dancers virtually . Tony does have a partner for his dance.

Tony has met with Ray Smith at Morgan to discuss technical details.

There will be introductory videos before each band to set the time and tone.

Sponsorship forms are ready.

Tony checking into a videographer.

Tony will contact Diana Rizzo , our Ineract Liason for help in establishing a school connection to seek students who might like to be trained to dance.

Ticket prices will be set at \$20 for adults/ \$10 for students.

Projects/Service:

Ruth announced she has had an update from Sharon at the Soup Kitchen. In preparation for the dinners to be reopened and restared , there will be a training class session for meal prep and servers on November 16 (time to be determined) Ruth would like to pass on this service project at this time. Renee has offered to go to the class and bring back info for our membership. We still have to purchase the Microwave for the Soup Pantry kitchen.

Food drive: November 20/21 at entrance of Stop and Shop Parking lot . Help will be needed. Andrew will set up canopy tent to protect volunteers from bad weather. Dee will touch base with Sandy at CVFD to confirm event as we team up as we have every year for this important food drive.

Linda will share dates with Interact .

Other expenditures were approved this evening: We had received a request for the Go Plnk project from the Middlesex Hospital and clinics. Ths program offers healing therapies to chemotherapy patients. Motion to donate \$ 100 as we have had in paat years by Maria , seconded by Renee . Approved.

There was a question if we had donated to Polio Plus. Maria checked older minutes and we had approved that expenditure at a previous meeting.

Renee spoke about the Quilts of Valor Program and felt it would good to support the efforts of the group. Motion to donate \$500 by Angie and it was seconded. Approved.

Our contribution to the Liberty Bank Food Drive was discussed. Maria made a motion to donate \$500. Secoded by Renee . Approved

Other and Good of Club:

Renee brought up the idea of a Christmas Party and suggested several venues. She asked members to think about what they might like to do. Discussion to be continued.

The Interact Club, with their new advisor, has done their first community service project. They created Halloween treat bags that will be delivered to the residents of Glenhaven Senior Housing. Diana Rizzo has also offered to be our Student of the month connection at the school. Linda has sent her a letter for faculty , since there are many new teachers, staff unfamiliar with the program. It has been sent out and she will let me know when she has a name of a student we will honor in a different way with a gift and a name plate slip to be placed on plaque at the school.

Renee brought up the meeting schedule. She asked for input into the idea of meeting every two weeks, unless we have important business that woud be best to take car eof on a weekey basis. All members approved Our next meeting will be schedule for November 18th however because we will not be meeting on Veteran's Day

We discussed a letter received from The Killingworth Women's Club about financial help needed at their Pantry. Maria made a motion that we support their efforts with a \$500 donation. Londa seconded.
Approved.

Maria also shared an email she received from her daughter about a family at KES who needs assistance with winter clothing for the children in the family as well as food for Thanksgiving. It was suggested that the family register with Warm the Children for the clothing needs. Maria made a motion to purchase a \$200 food gift card so the family could purchase their holiday dinner and other food items. Dee seconded the motion and it was approved.

Angie suggested we should reinstitute our happy dollars when we meet again..

Adjournment:

Meeting was closed at 7:51 pm with the four way test.

Respectfully recorded,
Linda Gworek