

Clinton Rotary Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 28th, 2022

Call to Order:

The meeting was held at Chamard Vineyards and was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:31 pm.

Welcome Visitors or Guests:

We welcomed Anne Pellegrini to the meeting.

Rotarians in Attendance:

Renee Szewczyk, Michael Richards, Ted Eastwood, Ruth Baker, Dick Mason , Andrew Marzano , Tom Houpert and Linda Gworek.

Mail/Communications/Minutes of Previous Meeting

The mail included a check from Stop and Shop for \$68 from the Blooming Petals program. There was also a Corn Hole registration received as well as a request from the Clinton Fire Department Ambulance Division for a donation.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Tom and seconded by Andrew .The minutes were approved.

Clarification was needed about our donation to St.Jude's Hospital. At the last meeting it was decided to donate \$500 and the verbiage used was as we thought we had last year. In checking Dick discovered our donation in 2021 was \$300. Dick has sent \$300 already but wanted to make sure the membership wanted to know about the difference and asked for direction. Motion to keep the figure mentioned this year of \$500 was made by Linda and seconded by Andrew. Motion passed . Dick will send in the balance.

Rotary Minute:

not at this meeting

New Business

Renee informed members that Tari, our District Governor, would like to visit us in person at a meeting. It was suggested we suggest that October would be a good time frame.

Andrew will follow up with the speaker who wishes to visit us and speak about Engineers Without Borders. Andrew will try to arrange for this visit on August 11th.

Jennie Kohl from the Connecticut Diaper bank would also like to visit. Will try to arrange for September 8th.

Renee brought up the topic of the Cook-off Ted had brought up at the last meeting. Linda suggested that we might want to partner with another town organization to run the event.

Linda also brought up the fact that the Shoreline Woman's group has disbanded. Some of their projects have been adopted by other organizations, but might we want to be aware of any programs that benefited Clinton or shoreline residents that might go by the wayside.

Fire Department Ambulance Division request will be tabled until we find out what the donation was we gave last year. Dick will check.

Follow Up:

Tom spoke about several ideas and events where our club and its mission could have visibility. There is a Chamber meeting on August 9th at 5:30 at Pilot's Point Marina. Anne Pelligrini is sponsoring the event and she spoke about how well attended it will be.

Someone from our club is encouraged to speak for a few moments about what Rotary does.

We are members of the Chamber and we should think about having members attend Chamber functions/meetings. Renee will contact the chamber and make sure the notification of the events and meetings come to us.

Another idea in the works is an event that Mary Ellen Ierardi at Ocean Meadow Memory Care would love to plan in partnership with the Rotary

Andrew has spoken to Cheryl Church and discuss our donation to Social Services of \$3,000 that has already been approved. A breakdown will be \$2,000 which will be used to purchase Stop and Shop gift cards which can be used to buy food as well as gas. \$1,000 will be designated for fuel assistance.

Fundraisers:

The Clinton Rotary Corn hole tournament is confirmed to take place at the Westbrook Elks on Sunday, September 25, 2022.

Ted announced he was able to get a Thimble Islands Cruise which will be for the next cruising year since the tours end in October.

Michael Richards informed us that Debbie will not be here for the Corn Hole tournament , so someone else will need to do the first toss to call attention that the tournament is in memory of Jim.

Projects/Services:

We discussed Student of the month and it was thought that a nice gift for the student would be a gift certificate. Suggested was an Amazon card or to keep it local and support Clinton businesses, a card to Grand Apizza or Subway.

Other:

Memorandum of understanding has been signed with the district as well as a primary contact listed.

Dick waiting for an install date for the picnic tables and bench to be assembled at the Harry Swan Pavillon at the Complex.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 with the four way test.

Respectfully recorded, Linda Gworek

