

## **Clinton Rotary Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was held at Chamard Vineyards and was called to order at 6:37 pm.

### **Welcome Visitors or Guests:**

There were no visitors or guests.

### **Rotarians in Attendance:**

Renee Szewczyk, Michael Richards, Tony Raucci, Ted Eastwood, Ruth Baker, Maria Varga, Dick Mason and Linda Gworek.

### **Mail/Communications/Minutes of Previous Meeting**

There was a thank you note from one of our scholarship winners, Emma Powers.

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

### **Rotary Minute:**

Renee had some advice about News and time.

### **New Business:**

Discussion was held about our upcoming 2022-2023 year. We talked about having a goal to increase our membership and visibility. Since we are members of the Chamber, we discussed becoming a host of a Chamber of Commerce meeting or event sometime in October. We thought perhaps because Tom is an active chamber member, he could find out if that is a possibility.

A discussion was also held about filling a vacated board position.

### **Follow Up/ Actions:**

Members had received an email about donating to a gift for the outgoing district governor. Motion to make a donation of the suggested \$50 was made by Ted . It was seconded and approved.

Looking ahead to the new Rotary year, it was suggested one of our goals should be to be supportive of the mission Rotary's Polio Plus. There was a motion to donate \$200 in the 2022/23 year. Approved.

Linda suggested another goal this year would be to review and possibly revise the Rotary Scholarship applications.

A commitment to continue to support projects in the works ( ie Dictionary project, Interact, town space beautification) was also discussed as something to keep in the forefront.

### **Fundraisers:**

Congratulations and thanks to Tony for this wonderful fun filled night. Profits , after bills will be between approximately \$2,400-\$3,000. Dick spoke about how our club might want to double our fundraising goals to support our important philanthropy efforts. Tony would be willing to plan another event for the 2023 calendar year. Linda suggested we look into a town mailing as the Police Department Benevolent Association and Fire Department does.

### **Projects/Service:**

Renee led a discussion about the Soup kitchen which is gearing up to do in person dinner service again. At this time ,we are going to pass on committing to do any dinner planning or serving and a motion was made to donate \$500 in lieu of that. Seconded and approved.

We are also still committed to purchasing a new microwave for the soup kitchen at the Methodist church.

The Clinton Rotary Corn hole tournament is confirmed to take place at the Westbrook Elks on Sunday, September 25, 2022. We still have time to prepare publicity and get our sponsorship drive started.

Planting at Esposito Beach: It had been previously discussed that the planters that we did at Esposito beach for Rotary Day of Service need to be revisited. The spring flowers are past bloom and the need to be trimmed or removed. Linda had previously checked with Todd Hajeck , the director of DPW to tell him we were going to be working on the flower boxes and he asked if Rotary would like to “adopt” the area to keep it looking good. Linda cleaned out the weeds and trimmed back the daffodils and removed the other plants and she and Maria purchased and planted perennial day lilies that go perfectly with the beach and town dock area. The town mulched the flower beds the following day. We will monitor the area to see what other improvements might be made with additional flowers.

**Other:**

With a new Rotary year beginning, dues were discussed. Dick recommended and we agreed that dues should be held where they are. That being said our Rotary dues are \$140 with an optional \$100 that goes to Rotary International’s “Every Rotarian Every Year”.

Linda apologized for not being able to orchestrate an end of the year Interact and Student of the month get together. Once the school year is over, the kids scatter and many of them attending schools in the South are already on campus. Diana Rizzo will be continuing as Interact Advisor at Morgan.

**The next meeting will be at Chamard on Thursday, February 14th .**

Meeting adjourned with the four way test at 7:41pm followed by some Happy Bucks!

Respectfully recorded,

Linda Gworek