

Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2017
The Cozy Grill Morning Meeting

Call to Order: Tarah Warner @ 0740
Pledge of Allegiance: Tarah Warner @ 0741
Invocation: Ralph Lawrence
Quote of the Day: Maria Shank
50/50: Maria Shank drew the eight of spades
Jokes: Ralph Lawrence and Jon Ball contributed
Happy Bucks: Michael Guertin
Happy Birthday: Robert Bjorklund
Treasurer Report: Maria Shank announced \$3,432.39 in the club account. Tarah explained a purchase was made on the Club credit card for video editing software, which will be reimbursed by the Rotary District 7950 2018 Conference Committee budget in the near future.
Updates: Tarah handed out the demographic information as displayed on ClubRunner for club members to update/change as needed for their account profiles.

The club reviewed bulletin subscribers of ClubRunner, used for sending email and other notifications to. Deepak Vishnu, Eldon Humphries, Michael Horn, Robert Sandberg, Susanne Silva, Mazzamami Ahmend, Laurie Cohen, Herbert Splivack and Allison Jedson were removed from the list.

Tarah reminded the club of the new fee structure for meetings with meals. Meal cost is \$15, for breakfast and dinner, with \$1 placed automatically into the 50/50 drawing.

Tarah reviewed and debriefed the club regarding the success of the cemetery clean-up project. The club will participate in clean-up of different sites on April 07, 2018.

Club signs are still in process of finding location. Mike explained he will be meeting with individuals associated with Coventry Lumber on 9/27/17. No new information regarding potential with Centre of New England.

Tarah reviewed the upcoming Bingo fundraiser on 10/28/17 from 1230 to 1600 at The Coventry Community Center. The information has been posted on all free websites for advertising and the Town of Coventry calendar of events. Posters were handed out for distribution. Tarah will send email which contains the sponsorship materials to the club for solicitation of local businesses. An email will also be sent out regarding volunteers for the event, all attendees and volunteers must be 18+.

The next committee meeting for the 40th Annual Ben Boyle Golf Tournament is 9/28/17 @ 1900 at Bob Bjorklund's house. The date for the golf tournament is 6/3/18.

Tarah reviewed scholarship program with the club. \$500 will be given to high schools of Coventry, West Warwick and West Greenwich for May of 2018. The next board meeting will finalize parameters for application process as Craig Levis will be contacting the appropriate people at each school department for the club to be added to the docket of awards. Tarah reviewed the criteria/requirements discussed from previous meetings for scholarship to be awarded. No further communication or changes were made by the club members.

Tarah reviewed the available options for membership in the club. There are four levels of membership. Traditional – Full member benefits such as international access to clubs, District access to clubs, ability to participate in club service projects, subscription to Rotary magazine, officially reported to Rotary International on roster, 2017 dues of \$125 with proposed 2018 dues of \$150. Corporate – Full member benefits as available to Traditional, except dues will be paid by a business entity. The business entity decides the individuals to attend meetings on a rotating basis or whatever criteria the business sees fit. Only one name would be reported to Rotary International on roster, 2017 dues of \$465 with proposed 2018 dues of \$510. Friends of Rotary – Access to club level, ability to participate in club service projects. Individual would not be reported to Rotary International and would not be able to take part in voting decisions. Proposed 2018 dues of \$25. Honorary – Open to past members only, access to club level and continued magazine subscriptions. The individual is reported to Rotary International, but there is no fee assessed to the club and no dues are asked of the member other than their meal for attended meetings. After club discussion, all aspects of the membership options were moved to vote except the Friends cost of \$25 which was replaced with a requirement of 10+ hours of service on club projects. Tarah proposed vote, seconded by Linda Rekas-Sloan and further endorsed by Jon Ball. None opposed.

Tarah proposed vote to continue the club meetings on the current schedule, which removes one weekly meeting for a Board meeting and another with a service project/fundraiser. Seconded by Zachary Whittenberger and further endorsed by Michael Guertin. None opposed.

Tarah proposed vote to approve increasing dues to \$150 for 2018 in order to combat the additional increases placed on the club by District and International levels over the next three years. Seconded by Linda and further endorsed by Jon. None opposed.

Tarah proposed vote to change the notification and billing of club dues. Currently, club must pay District and International by 7/31 of each year. The club dues are mailed out to members at some point in June. Roster is locked for the billing cycle on 6/30, which

leaves little time for club to make decision on a member's status. Proposal is to send notification in April for upcoming dues with paragraph to explain if dues are not paid by 6/29, the member will be removed from the roster. A second notice would be sent in May. Seconded by Zachary and further endorsed by Ralph. None opposed.

Tarah announced induction ceremony will be held for Ernie Dimicco at next full club meeting, 10/3/17. Another date will be selected for induction of Garrett Duffy as he is unable to attend 10/3/17.

Next Full Club meeting will be 10/3/17 @ 1830, The Cowesett Inn

No meeting on 10/10/17 due to Columbus Day holiday

Next Board meeting will be 10/11/17 @ 1800, Coventry Schools Administration Office

Full Club meeting will be 10/17/17 @ 0730, The Cozy Grill

Adjourned: Tarah and seconded by Zachary @ 0821