

Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club Meeting Minutes
November 07, 2017
The Cowesett Inn Night Meeting

Call to Order: Tarah Warner @ 1843
Pledge of Allegiance: Tarah Warner @ 1844
Invocation: Ralph Lawrence
Quote of the Day: Tarah Warner
50/50: Mike Everling drew the nine of clubs.
Jokes: Jon Ball and Ralph Lawrence contributed
Happy Bucks: Tarah Warner, Jon Ball, Mike Everling, Robert Bjorklund, Ernie Dimicco, Maria Shank, Joe Garcia, Michael Guertin and Linda Rekas-Sloan
Happy Birthday: None
Treasurer Report: Maria announced \$3,586.00 in the club account and \$3,865.00 in the Foundation account. Maria explained this total includes all deposits and checks paid out for the Bingo Spooktacular event and payment of credit card.

Updates: Tarah expressed her gratitude to all members who volunteered at the Bingo Spooktacular fundraiser. The logistics and execution were fantastic; however, attendance was low. The club took a loss of \$161.15. Tarah expects to earn a profit if the event is repeated because costs will be lower based on order of materials which can be re-used multiple times. Tarah proposed to have a Bingo fundraiser again in the month of March with formal requests for sponsors in order to facilitate additional revenue streams.

The Shamrock Sweepstakes will be re-branded as the Sweetheart Sweepstakes with a change from the month of March to the month of February so the ticket sales do not interfere with the golf tournament fundraiser. Also, ticket prices will be reduced to \$25. Tickets will be sold in December and January with the drawings once per week for the month of February.

Tarah provided a recap of the Pawtuxet Valley Wellness Day. The event was a success, with 180 people in the building and 65 vendors. The club has received two leads for membership. Ralph will provide the information to Tarah for follow-up as well as potential speakers to Jon for follow-up. The event will occur next year, 11/3/18, with the club given a table for free as a vendor. Admission will be reduced to \$0 for attendees.

Tarah announced the details for adopt a family for the Thanksgiving holiday. Ralph has obtained the name of a military family from his church organization. Ralph will purchase all of the necessary items and receive reimbursement from the club. Any person who wishes to contribute should write a check or make payment to the club or turn over to

Maria. The money will be kept in the club account until reimbursement is made to Ralph based on the total receipts. All payment is due by 12/5.

Tarah announced the details for adopt a family for the Christmas holiday. Ralph will obtain the name of a military family from his church organization. A list of the requested gift items will be provided to the club. The club will make the purchases with the collection of items to be finished at the meeting on 12/19. Payment can be made to the club or given to Maria.

Coventry beautification project is continuing well. The plants/shrubs have been purchased. Rayna from Coventry Parks & Rec will have the order delivered by next week. A sign will be installed which states the Rotary Club was the benefactor of the plants. Additionally, Coventry hosts a tree lighting ceremony/project. The club is able to pay \$45 and decorate a tree in any manner they wish which will be on display to the community, again, with promotional concepts in mind. Tarah proposed to participate. Seconded by Linda and further endorsed by Jon. Tarah will send an email to club members to determine if anyone has extra decorations to provide or time to volunteer to decorate the tree. Club expects to decorate the tree on 11/28 at 1830 at Coventry Parks & Rec.

Final reminder discussed regarding District Governor Steve Certa visit of club meeting on 12/5.

Full Club meeting will be 11/14/17 @ 0730, The Cozy Grill

Golf Tournament committee meeting will be 11/20/17 @ 1830, Robert Bjorklund's house

Next Board meeting will be 11/29/17 @ 1800, Coventry Schools Administration Office

Full Club meeting will be 12/5/17 @ 1830, Cowesett Inn

Adjourned:

Tarah and seconded by Zachary Whittenberger @ 1939