

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2022

Note: Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in person and by Zoom

President Bill Healy called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Bob Paoli led the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Bob advised the Club of an event honoring Gold Star Families in northwest Bergen County on September 25, 2022 at 7 PM in Van Neste Park, Ridgewood. Bob will lead the ceremony which will feature Ed Houlihan as the main speaker.

President's Report-Bill Healy said that the next Dinner Dance will be October 10, 2022 at Seasons. The price is \$170.00 per couple. It is not too late to sign up. Send your check to Treasurer Gary Engelhardt and an e-mail to Bill advising of your table preference.

Treasurer's Report-Gary Engelhardt. Our account has a large balance with a number of events coming up. Gary explained the reason for the recent increase in dues: to cover the shortfall between the dues and the money that we pay the Church.

Membership-Ed Lundell. Current membership: 405. Total Life Membership: 41. New life members: Dick Ramge, Bill Whelan, and George White, Jr. Pending applications: 10. Meeting attendance: 76.

Hobbyists Concerned-Peter Philip. Three Hobbyists have recently died: Curts Cooke, Harold Sylvester, and Peter Fan. Dorothy Oswald, wife of Hobbyist Richard Oswald, also passed away. Vinnie Campione has recovered from recent surgery and was at today's meeting.

Activities Reports

Book Club-Peter Philip. Benjamin Franklin: An American Life by Walter Isaacson will be presented by Paul Arilotta on **September 15** in the Church Library at 10 AM.

Bowling-Charlie Tuch. The league has moved to Montvale Lanes. The bowling begins on **September 7**. The first three weeks are practice. League competition starts on September 28.

Bridge-Ray Chuebon. This club meets every Thursday at noon in the Church auditorium.

Camera-Don Togneri. This club will meet on **September 7** at 2 PM in the Church auditorium.

Chess-Rick Pascal. This club meets every Wednesday in the Church from 10 AM to noon.

Fishing-Gene Boyle. We are looking at a September trip for fluke and a potential October charter for striped bass. Notices will go out.

Golf-Paul Fazio. We had 117 registrants this year. The Club Championship will be held on September 13 at Apple Greens. The Atlantic City trip is on for September 20-22 and has 30 golfers. The club luncheon will be on **November 8** at Fiona's in Midland Park. The price is \$30.00.

Gourmet Cooking-Jim McKeown. There is no pending meeting. Look for a notice.

Hobbyist Volunteers-Don Togneri for George Millington. The site is Eva's Kitchen in Paterson. Volunteers are serving meals twice per month. Contact George at gzmillington@gmail.com if interested. Don also mentioned another volunteer group in Ridgewood that delivers meals from local restaurants. Don will circulate an e-mail with details for anyone who is interested.

Movie Lovers-Richard Oswald. "The Singing Revolution" will be shown on **September 13** at 1:30 PM at the Senior Lounge, Ridgewood Village Hall. On **October 4**, "The Frisco Kid" will be shown at the Senior Lounge, Ridgewood Village Hall at 1:30 PM.

Military History-Tom Heed. On **September 26** at 2 PM in the Church, there will be a discussion of the tension between China and Taiwan. Look for an e-mail with details.

Music Lovers-Jim McKeown. Meetings will resume in October.

Parliamo Italiano-Don Togneri. The club will meet two or three times per month on Thursdays. If interested, contact Don at dj2dm2@hotmail.com. Don also offered some interesting insights into the holding of dual citizenship (he holds dual citizenship in Italy and the United States).

Science & Technology-Don Togneri for Elliot Ratchik. Notice to follow.

Tennis-Bob Kozar. Competition begins on **September 12** in Fair Lawn. Check the website for details.

Wine Appreciation Group-Bob Stevenson. There will be a luncheon on **September 30** at Delpino Restaurant in Montvale. There are 14 people who have signed up.

The Hobbyist business meeting concluded at 10:42 AM.

Program-Joe Lennox, the "Space Guy," provided an interesting discussion on the life of John Glenn, a genuine American Hero.

Submitted by Peter Weinstein