

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2022

*Note: Meeting at First Presbyterian by Zoom **only**.*

President Bill Healy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Gary Englehardt led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

President's Report: Bill Healy advised that we had a successful Holiday Dinner Dance in December with 230 guests. We held the January meeting on Zoom **only** and will consider the monthly format as we go along. The Church is allowing the Hobbyist to use the premises subject to appropriate restrictions (masking, distancing, vaccinations, etc.). Committee chairman wishing to use Church facilities should communicate with Bill in advance, so he can advise the Church board.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Engelhardt. We continue to be in a financially strong position, although activities have slowed because of the Omicron surge. The proposed 2022 budget will be sent to the Executive Board for approval.

Membership-Ed Lundell. Current membership is 406. Total Life Membership is 35. Pending applications: 13. Attendance: 75. New members inducted: Tom Purwin (Lou Fucito), Willie Whelan (Bill Leahy), Harry Nishitani (Dick Boswell), Rene Tenazas (Peter Finlay), Mike Pendergast (Dennis Stefanelli), John Aprile (Bill Flynn), and William Zuccala (Al Gensch).

Hobbyists Concerns-Peter Philip. Ron Weiscarger died on Christmas night. Steve Friedman is recovering at home following surgery.

Activities Reports

Book Club-Peter Phillip. Syd Robertson will present the book Money on January 21, 2022.

Bowling-Charlie Tuch. Bowling was cancelled for the past two weeks and will resume on January 12, 2022. Bowlers must wear masks at the lanes, although not on the approaches.

Bridge-Rick Pascal. Bridge will be online. Rick will advise players of the format in the future (online or in person).

Chess-Rick Pascal. There are 20 potential players. Games will be delayed until February. Rick will send out notices.

Golf-Paul Fazio. Registration is open until February 28, 2022. Applications must be sent with a check of \$15.00. There are 45 people registered. Registration for the Atlantic City trip is open until March 15, 2022. Deposit of \$100.00 must be sent with application. Check website for details.

Gourmet Cooking-Jim McKeown. The club is reorganizing and is shooting for late spring.

Habitat for Humanity-Rich Edelman. Projects are ongoing in Paterson and Westwood. Ground was recently for a project in Hillsdale.

Hobbyist Volunteers-George Millington. The Volunteers were active in October, November, and December at Eva's Village and will be there on January 21, 2022. Anyone interested should e-mail George at gzmillington@gmail.com.

Movie Lovers-Richard Oswald. "Defending Your Life" will be presented by Rick Pascal and will be shown at the Ridgewood Village Hall on January 11, 2022.

Music Lovers-Jim McKeown. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2022.

Pinochle-Bill Flynn. Meeting suspended. More information to follow.

Public Affairs-George Mackey. The next meeting will be in the spring. The club will go for the second Wednesday of the month. Walter Perog is trying to schedule a topic for March (March 9). Further information will follow.

ROMEO-Cliff Matthews. The January luncheon is cancelled because of Covid concerns.

Trips and Tours-Full time chairman needed. Fall trips include Woodloch Pines (September) and two (2) trips to Mt. Airy (September and November).

Science and Technology-Elliott Ratchik. The next meeting will be by **Zoom** on January 19, 2022.

Walking-Pete Seibel. Every Thursday at 9 AM at Donderhook Park off Paramus Road. Meeting place is the last parking lot as you travel around the circle. Walking moves to Friday at the same time and place whenever there is a general membership meeting.

Wine Appreciation-Bob Stevenson. January 2022 meeting cancelled. More information to follow.

Program-Ed Houlihan. The discussion will be "Global Perspective 2022" with a wide array of topics including climate, water, Taiwan, Ukraine involving China, Russia, and the US.

The meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Peter Weinstein