

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2023

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

First Vice President Mark Singer called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Bob Paoli led the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Bob advised of two (2) Memorial Day projects: Bob, Bill Healy, and several others are marking Memorial Day by placing 1,100 flags on the graves of veterans at Valleau Cemetery, Ridgewood on **May 13** (9 AM). All volunteers are welcome to participate. There is also a Memorial Day Service on **May 29** at 11 AM in Memorial Day Park (Van Neste Square) in Ridgewood. The Ridgewood High School Band will play a series of patriotic selections. All are welcome.

President's Report-First Vice President Mark Singer ran the meeting in Bob Mosher's absence. Mark introduced Pastor Bruce of First Presbyterian Church who noted that the Church is celebrating its bi-centennial this year. In the spirit of giving back to the community, the Church is presenting "A Community Conversation with Ali Stroker and Jim Stroker." Ali, a native of Ridgewood, is a Tony Award winning actress ("Oklahoma") who lost the use of her legs in a terrible accident at the age of 2. The show will consist of music, story-telling with a question & answer session. There is no admission fee, although the Church requests a free will offering to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital at RWJ Barnabas Health Facility, Family Promise of Bergen County, and Camp Lots of Fun. The date is Sunday, **June 25** from 3:30-5:00 PM at FPC.

Treasurer's Report-Gary Englehardt. The Club earned accrued interest of \$103.00 + in April and is in sound financial shape.

Membership-Cliff Matthews. Total membership: 406; Life members: 42; attendance: 73 (and 4 on ZOOM); new inductees: Steve Posnansky (Steve Friedman), Ken Hackman (Rurik Halaby), Thomas Strahle (Bill Chekan).

Hobbyists Concerned-Peter Philip. Hobbyist Patrick Mullen recently died. Garry Myers is in rehab.

Activities Reports

Bocce-Steve Friedman. The club plays every Friday at Waldwick Borough Park from 9:30 AM-11:30 AM. If interested, contact Steve at stefri4@yahoo.com.

Book Club-Peter Philip. Syd Robertson will present The Revolutionary: Sam Adams on **May 19** at 10 AM in the Church Library.

Bowling- Mark Singer. The Devils repeated as League Champs. Congratulations to Captain Bill Healy, Rich Edelman, Charlie Tuch, and Rick Krakowski. The bowling luncheon is on **May 10** at Fiona's, Midland Park.

Chess-Rick Pascal. The club plays on Wednesdays at the Church from 10 AM-noon.

Dinner/Dance-Bill Healy. **May 15** at Seasons. Cost is \$195.00 per couple. We have 85 people registered. If interested, contact Bill Healy at whaley3741@aol.com and send your check to Gary Englehardt, 569 Cliff Street, Ridgewood. **ASAP**-time is tight to register.

Fishing-Peter Weinstein. Our six person charter on **May 2** was very successful. All six anglers reeled in a keeper striped bass. Look for e-mails scheduling trips (charters and party boats).

Golf-Paul Fazio. Upcoming events: **May 9**-Stony Ford, Montgomery, NY (sign up w/ Paul Richert phriche7314@gmail.com); **June 6**-Skyview in Sparta (sign up w/ Stu French stufrench31@yahoo.com); **June 13**- the 1st tournament of the year (Apple Green). Please check the golf website for scheduling and registration details.

Movie Lovers-Richard Oswald. "Sullivan's Travels"- a meandering tale of the adventures of a movie director who goes looking for "good trouble"-will be shown on **May 9** at 1:30 PM in the Senior Lounge, Ridgewood Village Hall. Check the website for further details.

Music Lovers-Jim McKeown. "Bossa Nova: The New Wave" will focus on the Latin music of Antonio Carlos Jobin. Enzo Magnano will moderate the presentation on **May 12** at 10 AM in the Church Chapel. For details on this very interesting show, check the website.

ROMEO-Cliff Matthews. The next luncheon will be on **May 19** (noon) at Fino's Ristorante, 114 Allendale Avenue, Allendale. Send Cliff an e-mail at cematth48@optonline.net if you are attending. BYOB. **All attending should wear your membership badge.**

Tennis-Al Ianacone and Bob Kozar. The play is at the Fair Lawn Raquet Club and costs \$12.00. Doubles only. The season ends on Monday, May 15. There will be a club luncheon at Mezzanotte, 6-11 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn on **June 7**.

The Hobbyist business meeting concluded at 10:40 AM.

Program-Our Giancarlo Bisone will present a picture show and commentary of his recent trip to New Zealand.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Weinstein-Secretary