

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

The Executive Board was called to order by President Bob Dauer, at 10:00am. The following members were in attendance:

Bob Dauer, President

Mark Cohen, 1st Vice President

Doug Cooper, 2nd Vice President - Absent

Dave Voehl, Secretary

Jeff Mohn, Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Walt Widmer, Membership Chairman

Joe Pullaro, Immediate Past President

Jim Webb, Past President - Absent

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Don Kirkpatrick, Guest

- The minutes of the Executive Board special meeting in August were approved.
- Treasurer's Report – Jeff Mohn reported that two donations were made for Care & Concern. He stated that the refunds for the September luncheon were sent out on August first but they are not reflected in the July financials.
- Christmas party discussion – we discussed the “hold the date” offer from Season's and agreed to let this year's reservation go. We also reaffirmed that the deposit of \$500 for 2020 would be applied to the 2021 deposit. This action will give AU a \$1,000 deposit for 2021. Dave Voehl will contact John Murphy so that he can notify Seasons of our decision.
- Bob indicated that he had received a note from Doug Cooper regarding an offer for a luncheon (not a dinner) at Indian Trails in December. They did not have a firm date but Doug will go back to Indian Trails to find out. We also discussed the October breakfast at The Brick House. Joe Pullaro suggested that we consider that the breakfast be held in September. We agreed to ask about a possible date in late September. Doug will also follow up on this. Bob suggested that we ask the attendees at the General Meeting for their thoughts and then possibly poll the membership. We also decided to contact Indian Trail to determine what is available for a Christmas luncheon in early December.

- Budget – Jeff Mohn indicated that the updated forecast (attached) suggests a 25% payment to the WRC for our three-month usage of Henefeld Hall which would result in a savings of \$6,000. Also, we probably will not be paying for the Larsen House for the whole year. These savings may result in a surplus of \$8,000 to \$9,000 for 2020. Bob Dauer said that we may have to hold monies for 2021 to pay for other member meetings or club meetings. Also, we may be facing a reduced membership and fewer new members in 2021. This will also affect the budget. We must consider our relationship with the WRC. Jim Mallen offered to draft a resolution indicating that a letter be sent to the WRC that AU pays the WRC 25% of the annual fee. Also indicating the desire of AU to maintain solid relations with the church. We all agreed that Jim will present the draft at our September meeting.
- Zoom meetings – Walt Widmer will be holding a Zoom meeting for the Public Discussion Group tomorrow (8/12). Marty Valerio updated us on the History Club. Due to technical problems the July meeting was canceled. A Zoom meeting was also tried by using Pablo Catangay laptop and it worked. Therefore the August meeting will be held. There will be an Investment Study Club meeting on August 20 at 9am. The History Club will meet on August 21 at 10:00. The club chairmen must be notified that they must coordinate with Don Kirkpatrick to have the correct dates shown on the AU calendar. Also, Bob Dauer indicated that any email should have the recipients listed in the blind carbon copy (BCC) section of the address area. This will add to the security of members addresses. Bob will include this in an email to the chairmen. An exception will be made for Executive Board communications.
- Data Management – In September, an email will be sent to all members asking for any changes or updates to the database.
- Membership – Walt Widmer reported no activity. Bob asked how we might stimulate new membership when things return to normal. Jeff mentioned that he had followed up with three possible new members and has had no response. Joe Pullaro indicated that the contacts he has made said, get back when things are normal. Bob felt that we may have a significant drop in membership in 2021. Bob said that the Hobbyists are considering outdoor meetings. Marty Valerio suggested that we try an outdoor meeting. Joe Pullaro said that we should continue to advertise in local newspapers and supermarkets.
- Jim Mallen reported that the golf competition with the Hobbyists has been canceled.
- Marty Valerio asked if we should try to set up outdoor meetings for clubs in a tent or parks. Mark said that it would be difficult to have connectivity for presentations and Bob thought it would not be workable. Jeff Mohn felt there were too many variables. Mark Cohen said a meeting with a speaker, such as the speaker for the September meeting, would be difficult to arrange outdoors. Possibly smaller groups could meet in a tent or park if they do not need internet. Mark said we could consider something like the breakfast meeting being held in a tent, with a speaker system for a presenter. Tom McNamara, Special Assistant to the General Manager of the Seattle Seahawks was scheduled for the October meeting but it is off the schedule for now. Mark indicated that we need a date, then we can consider some type of speaker for that venue. Bob suggested a comedian or a magician.
- Insurance – Bob had a discussion with Pam Broline and she said that the WRC has come to a conclusion with the carrier (PMI) and it will continue to cover AU. The only outstanding issue is the 'hold harmless clause'. Franklin Lakes requires the clause. Joe Pullaro said that his wife, as a member of the women's club, said that they have an insurance company that will give a 'hold harmless' clause. Joe will follow

up with Jane for more information. Dave and Bob both suggested that possibly we could pay for a rider to the WRC policy to cover us. Mark mentioned that we need to think about a top end limit of coverage but it would not stop a lawsuit in excess of the limit.

- Joe Pullaro said that he would contact the Glen Rock Club to see how they are doing. Bob said this may be an opportunity for a suggestion of merger.
- Corona Virus – Bob indicated that we may be obligated for additional costs for sanitizing venues which we use. Something to consider for next year.
- Reverend Andy joined us at this time. He asked about our plans for the Fall and how they might happen. Bob said that we are in Zoom mode for the balance of this year. Reverend Andy said that the WRC has no plans that stretch into next year other than ad hoc planning as things change. As of now the WRC cannot have any other people in the space used by the children in the school. The WRC has a fogger machine for sterilization after the students leave. Due to the time necessary for the fogger to be effective, it is not possible to have other activities. If AU members wish to begin meeting in person, the church will consider what can be done. The possibility exists that AU may be able to use the third-floor meeting room. For AU, the third floor is difficult and is the reason we look elsewhere for meeting venues. Bob Dauer spoke about the AU contribution to the WRC and what we may face in 2021, in terms of the cost of other locations. Bob also expressed our gratefulness to the WRC for their sponsorship. Currently AU is considering giving the WRC 25%, or \$2000, for 2020. This in no way would allow AU to hold on to any significant surplus in 2021. Reverend Andy and the Board agreed that there was no basis in our bylaws for the annual payment of the \$8000 to the WRC. Bob stated that AU has discretion as to how much AU can retain. Reverend Andy stated that there is no specific policy as to the payment, other than the retention of \$2000, or other amount, as agreed upon for AU operations in the following year. Reverend Andy said that “we should do whatever we can and not be hamstrung because of this need and that it will work itself out”.
- Bob brought up the subject of insurance coverage and a review of the ‘hold harmless clause’. Bob told Reverend Andy of our plans to look into an additional policy that may cover AU above what PMI will do. AU will tell the WRC of anything we find and that AU would have it added to any WRC coverage. Reverend Andy stated that AU does not legally exist and is under the church's tax id, AU is like the nursery school, as a branch of the WRC. Reverend Andy said that AU might possibly have to become a separate entity but this is not being considered at present. Bob stated that we will look into coverage and Reverend Andy said that we should also talk with the church before we commit to any additional coverage for AU.
- We talked about a tent in the church parking lot for use for meetings. Reverend Andy stated that the Church is not allowed by the Wyckoff Police to have a tent in the parking lot. There is a possibility that the back-parking lot or the property behind the cedars, belonging to the cemetery, might be used for outdoor meetings. This all has to be looked into. Bob said that we are not really set up for this yet.
- We discussed the merits of getting an additional insurance policy or one that supplants the policy of the WRC. Bob said we need to wait and see. We spoke about Reverend Andy's comment of AU becoming a separate entity. Jim Mallen noted that Pam Broline has indicated that AU is well on the way to establish itself as a standalone organization, since we have our bylaws and structure if we

choose to do so. This action would require that AU establish itself as a non-profit 501C3. Mark stated that the problem is not only the accounting side but the legal side in regards to compliance. There are many formalities involved, which need to be considered. Joe Pullaro suggested that we contact some of the attorneys in the organization to understand the legal side of this issue. We determined that we do not need to continue looking into this at this time.

- Care & Concern – Marty Valerio reported about the passing of Stan Shields. Marty sent a condolence card to Vanderplatt Funeral Home and a donation was sent to St. Judes Children’s Hospital. Marty also noted the passing of Arlene Baker, the widow of Don Baker. Card was sent to Vanderplatt Funeral Home.
- Bob Dauer asked about how a member can write up an announcement of a members passing and have it published in the AU Newsletter. We agreed that an email blast should be sent with the particulars of the services.
- Jeff Mohn said that a donation was sent to the ALS Association in memory of Jack Elwood.
- The meeting was ended at 11:14 am.

Respectfully Submitted;

David Voehl, Secretary