

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

The Executive Board was called to order by President Douglas Cooper, at 9:20 A.M. at the Franklin Lakes OEM Building. The following members were in attendance:

Doug Cooper, President

Harry Bennett, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Absent

Jim Atieh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Absent

Rich Bernarde, Secretary - Absent

Mike Kelley, Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

David Voehl, Membership Chairman

Mark Cohen, Immediate Past President

Bob Dauer, Past President - Absent

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC = Absent

Don Kirkpatrick – Guest

- The minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting were accepted unanimously by the Board.
- Treasurers Report – Mike Kelley reported that we deposited \$1,950 in February and \$1,400 in January. The deposit for the Farmstead golf outing has been made. A check has been given to Don Wasson for the dinner/play at Hunterdon Hills. The tax exempt form, from the WRC, will be presented. The gaming license will be used for the 50/50's at the May luncheon, the October breakfast and the December Christmas dinner. Depending upon our financial status, it will be decided whether we will give the proceeds to the Food Pantry. Dave Voehl suggested that we should retain any proceeds and make a donation at year-end, if we can afford to do so. All present thought it was a good idea to keep it and determine any donations to the Pantry, VFW and etc., until year-end.
  - Dues Shortfall – Mike indicated that the budget was 331 members (with 20 new), with a budget of \$14,400. At the end of February we have \$13,445 for 337 members (296 paid, 40 exempt over 90 years old and Reverend Andy's exemption. Therefore we are about \$955 below budget. If the delinquent members, who say they will pay (8 x \$50) do so and we are able get about 11 new members prior to September, we should meet the budget target.

- Marty recapped the dues status – as of 3/7 we have 296 paid members, Reverend Andy is exempt and we have 40 exempt members over 90 years of age, giving us a total of 337 members.

- Care and Concern – Marty Valerio reported that a donation was sent to the Glen Rock Jewish Center in memory of Ed Schlachman and a donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Center was sent in memory of JoAnn Nusspickel, wife of member Frank Nusspickel. Bob Dauer will be having surgery at Hackensack Medical Center.
- Communications Editor – Doug Cooper spoke about the “job description” developed by Harry Bennet and the need of AU to have a person to review all communications to the members. This position would review submissions to the web site, Newsletter and blast emails to check for clarity of message, type font, file type and other items necessary for publication. Doug will ask if anyone is interested at today’s General Meeting. This position would be an appointee without any term limits.
- Membership – Dave Voehl asked for comments on the ‘new member letter’. The letter will be attached to the follow-up email that John Abrahamsen sends to new members, to verify their data prior to adding them to the data base. The TD Bank flyer will also be attached. Marty questioned the inclusion of the password to enter the secure file. After discussion, we agreed to allow it.
  - Mike Kelley asked if we could have a column on the master roster to indicate that a member has a TD Bank account. After discussion, we determined that we should not do this due to privacy. Mike Kelley will draft an email cover letter that can be used in a blast email, to accompany the TD Bank flyer.
  - Dave Voehl will work with Don Kirkpatrick to put a copy of the TD Flyer on the website under the Membership section.
  - Information flow – We confirmed that new member applications and checks go to the Membership Chair (Dave). Copy of application is sent to John Abrahamsen and the check is sent to the Asst. Treasurer (Marty). John Abrahamsen will send the information and the member number to Mike and Marty. Dues renewal checks are sent directly to the Asst. Treasurer.
  - Doug suggested that we contact those members over 90 years of age, who are exempt, to see how they are doing.
  - Newsletter mailing – The Newsletter currently is comprised of 6 pages, which is a lot to mail. If we send the Newsletter Don K. feels that we could get it to three pages, printing on two sides. Dave will send Don K. a list of those members without emails. Don may be able to determine if they attend meetings or club functions.
- Bank Statements – Mark asked where the statements are being sent. Columbia Bank goes to Mike Kelley. The small 50/50 account goes to Marty. TD Bank is accessed electronically.
- Address – The address of the Wyckoff Reformed Church should still be used as AU’s address.
- Club Promotion – Doug asked that board members get the AU information into their local Patch. Also, local supermarket bulletin boards may still be a good option. Doug will email a copy to the Board members.

- Coffee – Doug has talked to Howard Vogel on the procedure to serve refreshments at the General Meetings at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps, regarding coffee urns, tea and cookies
- Spring Luncheon – May 10 - Published in the Newsletter and Doug will talk about it at the General Meeting. Checks are to be mailed to Jim Ateih, in the amount of \$35 pp. This is in lieu of a General Meeting but the board will still meet in the morning.
- Clubs - Dennis LaBarbera will be the chair of the Investment Study Group. This club is open to spouses or significant others. Fred Thiele will be the chair of the Garden Club.
- Trips and Tours – Doug has talked to John Caikowsky regarding the future plans. Doug spoke to Joe Pullaro re: the YMCA BBQ. Joe indicated that he was not getting a good feeling from the YMCA about doing it again. Joe will talk to John Murphy.
- Speaker Program – Murray Perl today. April will be a discussion about genealogy. In June there will be a presentation about the Revolutionary War.
- Larkin House – Currently, we have \$1000 on deposit. The Town Clerk is looking for AU to pay for the current quarter. Harry Bennett and Doug Cooper will try to meet with them to determine our commitment. They will discuss the deposit and the possibility of installing Wi-Fi and a television.
- Computer Club – Don Kirkpatrick indicated that he wants to continue as chair of the Hiking Club but wants to give up the responsibility of the Computer Club and the Website Manager. Don said he is looking for a replacement for the running of the website and the Computer Club.
- Hobbyists - Doug talked about his conversation with Bob Stevenson. Currently the History Club and the Book Club are having joint meetings. We talked about treating the other members as associates, whereby a Hobbyist would pay \$25 to participate in AU functions and vice versa. The Glen Rock Club might also be included. Discussions can continue as to how any interclub activities can be accomplished, since there are many concerns.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

David Voehl, Secretary/Membership Chair