

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 13, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Doug Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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

- A motion was made with two corrections (spelling of names – McGonigle and Nusspickel) to accept the minutes of the September Board meeting. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report – Jeff Mohn reported that there was little activity.
  - He spoke about a personalized snail mail letter to all members, prior to the December luncheon, regarding the payment of 2021 dues. Jeff will purchase the stamps. The letter, with the help of Walt Widmer, will be sent to all members. There will be no return postage included.
  - We spoke about using our excess monies to subsidize the \$50 dues for 2021. It was discussed that the dues will remain at \$50. The Board was polled and all agreed that the dues will remain at \$50 and that a personal letter will be sent. Bob Dauer will also assist with the letter.
  - The following information is included from an email Jeff sent to board members in lieu of verbal reporting at the meeting.
    - One reimbursement to Don Kirkpatrick for the AU drop box and a contribution to St. Mary's school in memory of Marty McGonigle.

- The required separate account for our gaming license is open at Columbia Bank, funded with a \$100 transfer from our regular checking account. So we're good to go if we have a 50-50 at the December luncheon.
  - I wrote off the \$100 deposit to Jefferson House, as the check was never cashed.
  - We still have a \$100 deposit to Hunterdon Hills playhouse....we'll make an effort to get it refunded. Jeff will call John Caikowski and ask him to contact the playhouse to see what the situation is.
  - Jeff will be spending some money soon to prepare the mass USPS mailing to all of our members encouraging them to remain in AU and to send in their 2020 dues. We decided to send the letters in November, before the December luncheon. We'll include an addressed return envelope so everyone knows where to send their dues. We'll need to purchase approximately 750 envelopes and 350 stamps, and over 1,000 mailing labels. Return postage will not be included. Jeff will check into the economics of pre-printed envelopes. Walt Widmer volunteered to help with the mailing.
- Jim Mallen moved to accept the Treasurers Report. All were in favor, motion passed.
- WRC Update - Bob Dauer reported that Reverend Andy, given the unusual circumstances, accepted that our payment of \$2000 would be appropriate. The payment will be made at the luncheon with a letter of appreciation. Per the by-laws, we will retain last year's surplus of \$1800 as deemed necessary by the Board, to continue operations in 2021.
- Zoom Update – Marty Valerio reported that there are two more Zoom 'masters', Marc Bernhardt and Steve Joern. Marc does not have a Zoom subscription. Marty will contact Marc to see if he wants AU to pay for the subscription.
  - Marty asked if the Garden Club will begin to use Zoom. Walt Widmer mentioned that there is little that the Garden Club can use Zoom for, since it is a hands-on meeting. Also, Joe Lamella and the group were not interested but Marty and Bob will follow up to see if Zoom can be used.
  - Mark Cohen brought up the problem with sending emails to members with Optonline accounts. John Abrahamsen sends emails twice to these addresses to try to get through.
- Officer Nominations – The committee has presented the following names for the officer positions:
  - President - Mark Cohen
  - First Vice President - Doug Cooper
  - Second Vice President- Harry Bennett
  - Treasurer - Jeff Mohn
  - Asst. Treasurer - Marty Valerio
  - Secretary- Dave Voehl

The announcement will be at today's General Meeting, with the vote taken at the November General Meeting.

- Meeting Speakers – Murray Perl will be today’s speaker. Mark Cohen said that it is very difficult to get future speakers. Mark asked all of us to look for speakers who can be positive and uplifting. Joe Pullaro will contact the Glen Rock Club to see if they have any leads for speakers. He will also contact the YMCA and the Mayor of Franklin Lakes.
- Data Management – Bob reported that the database information was sent to each member. Out of a population of 330, we received 130 replies. There were at least 60 corrections.
- Membership – Walt Widmer said that there were no new members. Joe Pullaro is trying to continue a relationship with the Glen Rock Club.
- Covid impact – The borough clerk of Wyckoff told Bob Dauer that any decision about the Larkin House is a “very low priority”.
- Insurance – Bob had spoken with RLM (insurer of the women’s club) and they would not consider coverage due to the physical activities of AU. Bob asked them to consider hold-harmless coverage for only our meetings in remote locations. Bob has not heard anything. Doug Cooper said that the WRC coverage would be difficult to change and that we may have to accept holding meetings only at venues that do not require hold-harmless insurance. We considered other places that we could use, such as K of C, Elks or VFW venues. Dave Voehl suggested that some Catholic Churches that have closed their schools may have space available. Jeff will check out American Legion venues.
- Christmas Luncheon – Indian Trail, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – The AU membership was polled regarding attending a luncheon. 74 responses were received with 59 in the affirmative. Doug said that it would be a served lunch, with a menu of chicken, veal and flounder. Some options would be available. Cost would be \$29. Doug suggested that we charge \$30. Indian Trail has a capacity of 130. The AU Band would be able to entertain. Jim Mallen said that John DeSantis indicated that the band would play without the brass, allowing for a mellower sound. Bob polled the board to ask if we should continue to go forward. The board agreed. We also agreed to keep the charge at \$29. We will also have a 50/50. We will apply to the state and Franklin Lakes for the permits. The 50/50 will be \$5 per ticket and 3 for \$10. The luncheon will serve as the time to introduce the new board and Member of the Year. We considered members who can be considered for Member of the Year. Dave Voehl suggested Reverend Andy. Bob Dauer moved that we give the award to Reverend Andy, seconded by Dave Voehl and accepted by a poll of the Board.
- Positive Communications – Joe Pullaro said that we need to make the newsletter more positive. More news about the clubs that meet by Zoom. Possibly some jokes or entertaining items should be included. Bob will try to be more uplifting and may include the video “Moonrise” via a web address.
- Emails – Discussion about Herb Umland’s unsolicited email. It doesn’t seem that he used an AU list but sent it to individuals. Rather than take a stand by the Board, the receiver should contact the sender personally to determine if it was an email directed specifically to the receiver or if someone else was using the address as spam.
- Care and Concern – Marty Valerio indicated that a donation was sent to the high school of Marty McGonigle.
- Futures – The Board discussed planning for 2021. How do we plan for at least 6 months? The longer Covid lasts the less interest there will be in AU membership. Possibly get John Caikowski

at a meeting to discuss what might be done. We decided to hold a special meeting in two weeks with John and possibly other T & T members.

- Jim Mallen moved to conclude the meeting, seconded by Doug Cooper. Bob Dauer adjourned the meeting at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted:

David Voehl, Secretary