

## ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday April 9, 2024**

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 9:28 AM by 2024 First Vice President Tom Donch. President Jim Atieh did not attend the meeting. The following members were in attendance:

Jim Atieh, President, Absent

Tom Donch, 1st Vice President

Gaspar Lesznik – 2nd Vice President

Mike Kelley, Treasurer

Scott Japko – Assistant Treasurer

Rich Bernarde, Secretary

Harry Bennett, Immediate Past President

Doug Cooper, Past President

Jim Webb - Membership Chairman

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Marty Valerio - Communications Director

- Tom proposed that the minutes from the Board and General meetings of March 12, 2024, be approved. Seconded by Harry Bennett; all concurred.
- Treasurer's Report – The Board reviewed the March 2024 Treasurer's Report prepared by Mike Kelley. Mike advised that our cash position continues to remain strong. We discussed that there could be a conflict with the WRC for the July General meeting due to WFC holding a rummage sale in Heneveld Hall. Mike volunteered to follow up with Jessica from the WRC to ascertain. Mike advised that we are running behind in recruiting new members; this along with a higher than expected number of members not paying their 2024 dues resulted in a current \$2,460 unfavorable revenue variance. Currently, we are 41 members unfavorable to our 2024 budget. We have 42 members over 90 and 2 reverends that are exempt from paying dues. We budgeted to donate \$750.00 for the use of the Midland Park VFW building in 2024. Rich made a motion to disburse the budgeted \$750 to the Midland Park VFW, seconded by Harry, all agreed.

- Membership – Jim Webb advised that at the month end March 2024, we have 309 members. Month to date, three new members have joined AU. The average age of membership is 81. To help recruit new members Doug Cooper offered to circulate the “*I Need You*” poster that had been used in the past to generate interest in AU to all Board members. This poster can be placed in libraries, supermarkets, senior citizen centers, etc.
- Speaker Program – Tom Donch updated us on the planned General Meeting speakers. At today’s General Meeting we have Alexandra Fox from Valley Medical Systems. She will discuss heart disease. Her presentation is titled, “This is not your Father’s Heart disease.” In May, we have our Spring luncheon and there is no speaker.
- Spring Luncheon – Gaspar updated us on the Spring Luncheon at Portobello’s. Currently, 81 members have paid. We guaranteed Portobello’s 80 attendees. There will be a 50/50 at Portobello’s. Members are allowed to show up on the day of the luncheon and pay at the door.
- Standing Committees – There was a brief discussion about moving Section 3: Standing Committees from the Bylaws to Policies, Practices, and Procedures. However, there was no resolution since we have until the November 2024 General Meeting to finalize and present to AU members. Doug Cooper offered to assume the Care & Concern duties, if needed. However, the Board meeting concluded with no resolution. It was agreed to discuss it further.
- Care & Concern – there was a short discussion about the Care & Concern responsibilities and if was appropriate to be part of the Asst Treasurer’s duties; or would be better served somewhere else. Several Board members thought that Care & Concern had nothing to do with the typical Asst Treasurer’s responsibilities. No conclusion was reached; will be followed up on the next Board meeting.
- New AU Bulletin Board - Harry Bennett is making excellent progress in establishing the new AU Bulletin Board. Harry is scheduling routine Bulletin Board meetings; 10 members have volunteered for this committee. The Board discussed and suggested that a general disclaimer should be added to the Bulletin Board. Harry will follow up with Richard Berger for recommended wording for the disclaimer.
- AU Band at the General Meeting - Gaspar advised that there was improvement in the volume which the Band played at. The average decibel level was 80’s decibels and it a high of low 90’s decibels. However, the members’ consensus was that the general volume increased from the March 2024 General Meeting.
- The Board meeting concluded at 10:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bernarde, Secretary