

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday June 11, 2024

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 9:28 AM by 2024 President Jim Atieh. The following members were in attendance:

Jim Atieh, President

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, Outgoing Past President

Jim Webb - Membership Chairman

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Marty Valerio - Communications Chairman

John Murphy – Guest AU Christmas Party

Bill Mastellon – Guest AU Christmas Party

- Jim proposed that the minutes from the Board and General meetings of April 9, 2024, be approved; all concurred.
- AU 2024 Christmas Party – John Murphy and Bill Mastellon were invited to the meeting to discuss the 2024 AU Christmas party. Season's cost for the 2024 Christmas party is \$120 per person plus other various incidental costs. We have guaranteed Seasons 150 guests for the 2024 dinner/dance. The Board had a brief discussion and decided to maintain the cost to members the same as last year, \$99.50 per person.
- Treasurer's Report – The Board reviewed the May 2024 Treasurer's Report prepared by Mike Kelley. Mike advised that our cash position is \$26K and continues to remain strong. The 2024 Budget contains the amount of \$750 for the use of the Midland Park VFW Hall was dispersed to the VFW in May. To take advantage of the current prevailing higher

interest rates earlier in the year, we bought two CDs. Both are due to expire shortly. It was decided to let one expire and reinvest the other. In the second half of the year our expenses tend to be higher (insurance, and the Christmas party).

- Care and Concern – Scott Japko informed the Board that he does not want to go forward on the AU Executive Board and therefore his service will terminate on December 31, 2024. Care and Concern responsibilities were separated from the functions of the Assistant Treasurer. John Toth has graciously stepped up and will lead Care and Concern. Sadly, long term member Joe Lamela passed away on May 15. A sympathy card and a \$50 donation to Joe's favorite charity was made. Joe was a retired teacher and joined AU in 1998. Unfortunately, there was a mishap at the AU BBQ when the caterer's truck was backing up and two AU guests were injured: Lou Guarneri and Terri Coyle, wife of AU member Joe Coyle. Get well cards wishing them a very speedy recovery were sent.
- September 2024 – General meeting pizza party – To encourage and stimulate increased attendance at the General meetings, the Board discussed having a welcome back end of summer/thank you to our members pizza party at the September General meeting. All Board members concurred therefore AU will supply a pizza lunch for our members.
- Membership – Jim Webb advised that at the month end May 2024, we have 314 members. On June 1, the Wyckoff YMCA hosted Wyckoff Day in their parking lots. Mike Kelley provided leadership and direction for an AU getting a tent for Wyckoff Day. The intent of AU attending Wyckoff Day was to solicit and recruit new members. Various AU Board members staffed the tent throughout the day. Five potential members' names and addresses were obtained. Follow up will be made by Jim Webb, our Membership Chairman.
- Speaker Program – Today, Frank Crotty will discuss the D-Day invasion. In July, our own Jack Warren will do a presentation about music from the Great Depression and World War II. In August, there is no General meeting scheduled. And in September a representative from The Vista in Wyckoff for present "Downsizing Your Home."
- 2025 AU Board – In addition to Scott Japko, Mike Kelley (Treasurer) and Rich Bernarde (Secretary) will not be going forward on the AU Board in 2025. Both Mike Kelley and Rich Bernarde have served three years which is the maximum allowed under our established procedures. Doug Cooper will recruit five AU members to establish the 2024 Nomination Committee which will be tasked with finding new board members for 2025. Four new Board members will be needed for 2025, including: 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Asst-Treasurer, and Secretary.
- The Board meeting concluded at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bernarde, Secretary