

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 10, 2023

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by President Harry Bennett, at 10:40 AM at the Brickhouse Wyckoff, New Jersey. The following members were in Midland Park Reformed Church, Midland Park, NJ:

Harry Bennett, President

Jim Atieh, 1st Vice President

Tom Donch, 2nd Vice President

Mike Kelley, Treasurer

Tony Dilorgi, Assistant Treasurer

Rich Bernarde, Secretary

David Voehl, Membership Chairman

Doug Cooper, Immediate Past President

Mark Cohen, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Marty Valerio – Communications Director

- Due to the annual Fall breakfast held at the Brick House the Executive Board meeting was held in one of the small dining rooms at the Brick House.
- President Harry Bennett proposed that the minutes from the Board and General meetings of September 12, 2023, be approved. Seconded by Mike Kelley; all concurred.
- Treasurer's Report - Mike Kelley reviewed the September 2023 Treasurer's Report. Our cash position continues to remain strong. We currently have \$24K on deposit in the various bank accounts.
- Care and Concern – Tony Dilorgi advised that no passings since Hans Sammer have been reported.
- Membership - Dave Voehl informed us that at the month end September 2023 we had 331 members.
- 2024 Spring Luncheon – Tom Donch cheerfully informed the group that we have finalized our 2024 Spring luncheon at Portobello's of Oakland. A deposit has been given to Portobello to hold the date. Regrettably, due to inflation we are unable to hold our

luncheon at the Indian Trail Club. Tom advised that we have not yet received our \$500 deposit refund made to the Indian Trail Club to hold our 2024 luncheon there. Tom will follow up with the Indian Trail club.

- Communications - AU's Constitution and By Laws have been reconciled. This was a herculean project done by Marty Valerio, Mike Kelley and Tom Van Lenten; and contributions from the various Executive Board Members and participated on the Zoom calls. In October, an email blast will be sent to all AU members outlining the changes.
- Publication of Final Governance documents – Marty was extremely pleased to advise that the review of our Constitution and By Laws has been completed. The By-Laws require a summary of the proposed amendments to be included in two consecutive Newsletters. The amendments will be published in both the October and November Newsletters.
- 2023 AU Christmas party – John Murphy was not present at the meeting, but all arrangements are made for our annual Christmas Gala at Season's. So far responses back from members have been slow. An email blast will be made.
- AU Bulletin Board - John Abrahamsen has already created a link to a separate database which will become our "bulletin board". Marty proposed finding a chairman for handling the review of incoming contractors and vetting of contractors before posting to the bulletin board. Marty also envisions having a separate tab for useful information from Valley Hospital. AU's Historian position, which has been vacant for years, was deemed no longer necessary and will be deleted. It was decided that this information is currently being safely maintained in the Cloud.
- 2023 Thank You Luncheon for Club Chairman and AU Board – Jim Atieh reminded us that we dropped that ball on having a thank you luncheon for Club Chairman and the AU Board which was discussed and agreed to earlier in the year. The intent of this luncheon was to say thank to our Club Chairman and the AU Board for their hard work and dedication to AU throughout the year. We discussed, and there was general agreement to move forward. Harry thought that Club Co-Chairman should also be included. We discussed various dates, and Thursday December 7, 2023, was mutually agreed upon. Jim Atieh and Rich Bernarde volunteered to review restaurants.
- 2023 AU Distinguished Service Award - We discussed who should receive the 2023 Distinguished Service Award. After a brief discussion, we picked one member and voted; all agreed. At this time, we decided to have the selected candidate selection remain confidential.
- Speaker Program – For December, the discussion will be on heart disease, the presentation is titled, *This Is Not Your Father's Disease*.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bernarde, Secretary