

Activities



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday February 11, 2025

The Executive Board meeting, held in the Memorial Room at the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, New Jersey, was called to order by President Tom Donch at 9:30 AM.

Members in attendance:

Tom Donch, President

Gaspar Lesznik, 1st Vice President

Adolph Galluccio, 2nd Vice President

Doug Cooper, Treasurer

Gabe Carifi, Assistant Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Secretary

Jim Webb - Membership Chairman

Jim Atieh, Immediate Past President

Harry Bennett, Outgoing Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to WRC

- President Tom Donch requested a motion to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2025, Executive Board meeting. Motion was made by Jim Mallen and seconded by Doug Cooper. Motion approved.
- Treasurer's Report – Doug Cooper reviewed the Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2025, 2025 Annual Budget and Budget Status reports as of January 31st. The Budget Status Report has been changed to a monthly and year to date format. Doug clarified the entries for the annual insurance premiums which are paid in November and the yearly donation to WRC is paid in December. The yearly fee of \$1,100 to use the Larkin House for the Bridge Club is paid twice a year. The Bridge Club reimburses Activities Unlimited the full amount in quarterly payments of \$275. The major portion of the 2025 dues is received during the months of October through December from the previous year. A minimum amount is collected during January and February.
- Assistant Treasurer's Report – Gabe Carifi provided a spreadsheet on the members who have not paid their 2025 dues. As of January 31st, there are 60 unpaid members which includes 4 associate members. The Board divided the 60 unpaid members among the

attendees. Each attendee will contact their assigned members to remind them their 2025 dues must be received prior to February 28, 2025, or determine if they no longer wish to be an active member of Activities Unlimited. For 2025, there are 49 members who are 90 years of age. Marty Valerio suggested a list of names be distributed to the Board. At the March Board meeting, the list will be reviewed.

- Cares and Concerns – Tom Donch provided a report for John Toth. For the month of January 7 get well and 12 thank you cards were sent to members. No condolence cards were necessary. Birthday cards will be sent to the members celebrating a birthday in February. A list of celebrants can be found in February's Newsletter. John Toth received a thank you card from Ann Doenges for AU's acknowledgement of Ray Doenges's passing.
- Membership – Jim Webb reported there are 325 members as of January 13, 2025. Two new members joined AU this week but are not included in the total of 325. The Board discussed Ralph Corallo's request for associate membership status. The request was approved by the Board.
- Speaker Program – Gaspar Lesznik presented a schedule of potential speakers for 2025 General Meetings. Next step is confirming a date for their presentation. It was agreed the Newsletter should include the program for that month's General Meeting. A backup plan should be developed in case a speaker cancels at the last minute and a replacement must be found. At today's General Meeting, retired New Jersey Superior Court Judge Miquel Della Carrera will discuss a new addiction program initiated by the State of New Jersey where the offender must plead guilty, enter a special program, meet all requirements and upon completion will not serve jail time nor have a criminal record. Doug Cooper suggested a future speaker should be an immigration attorney who can talk about the present issues with ICE.
- Storage Cabinet – Marty Valerio made an inventory of the items in our storage cabinet which is behind the stage in Heneveld Hall. Kitchen supplies were moved to the kitchen in Heneveld Hall. Doug Cooper concurred the 2018 and 2019 financial records can be shredded. The Board agreed to display the cabinet items at the March General Meeting for anyone who has a need for them.
- Webmaster – Harry Bennett reported the next committee meeting will be held in March; date has not been determined. Thirteen of the twenty-one club chairs have provided a list of active members. This information is now posted on the website for each club that responded. Gaspar Lesznik stated club chair and co-chair information in the Roster has not been updated. Gaspar will provide a list for the Data Base chairman. There was a discussion on the need for a backup for Data Base Manager, Webmaster, and the Editor. Each of these positions are unique and should have a trained member available to step into the role in case an event occurs which requires the backup to temporarily perform the required responsibilities. This item requires continued discussion and will be reviewed again at March's Board meeting.
- Tom Donch reported on a meeting he recently had with VFW member Ron Gimbert. It was casual meeting to thank the VFW for their generosity in allowing AU to have use of

their facility and Tom confirmed AU's commitment to abide by VFW's rules and regulations

- Events

Beefsteak Dinner – Jim Webb reported 38 members attended the beefsteak dinner on January 16th at the Midland Park VFW Hall. After all expenses were paid, the event made a small profit, \$158.00.

Mystery Night – Tom Donch reported for Tom Van Lenten. Maggiano's has not confirmed their price which may be \$73.00 per person. The ticket price to AU members is advertised at \$69.00 per person. T&T will be in the position of subsidizing the event using the funds in their Reserve account.

Spring Luncheon – The Board approved the Spring Luncheon to be held at Indian Trail Club. The cost to AU will be \$65.00 per person with \$55.00 the ticket price to AU members. The Board will subsidize the difference.

- Special Interest

April General Meeting – Heneveld Hall is not available that day so the meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. This will be announced in the March and April Newsletters and an email announcement to all members.

Activities Unlimited – There was a discussion on the date Activities Unlimited became an official organization. In Spring 1986, Reverend Bach formed an Ad Hoc Committee to prepare governing documents. By April, 1987 the governing documents were completed with the first organizational meeting held on May 12, 1987. In May, 2027, AU will celebrate its 40th anniversary.

Bowling Club – Scott Japko has formed a Bowling Club with its first session on Friday February 28th. Subsequent sessions will be every other Friday. Presently, there are 14 members.

Franklin Lakes Library is having a fund raiser and is looking for AU's support. The Board agreed AU would post a notice and a link to their website in our Bulletin Board. Tom will advise the library.

- The Board meeting concluded at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty P Valerio
Secretary