

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

The Executive Board was held at the OEM building in Franklin Lakes, NJ. President Douglas Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The following members were in attendance:

Doug Cooper, President

Harry Bennett, 1st Vice President

Jim Atieh, 2nd Vice President

Rich Bernarde, Secretary

Mike Kelley, Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer, Absent

David Voehl, Membership Chairman

Mark Cohen, Immediate Past President

Bob Dauer, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Don Kirkpatrick – Guest

- The minutes of the January meeting were accepted unanimously by the Board.
- Treasurer's Report – Mike Kelley reviewed the balance sheet. Currently, AU has \$9,937 in the Columbia Bank account and \$11,843 in the TD Bank account and \$100 in the fund-raising account, used for 50-50's. Mike spoke about the TD Bank Affinity Program. Mike brought flyers from TD Bank to be distributed to the members regarding the program. Mike is also checking with TD Bank to see why AU has not received a payment for 2021
- New Membership - Dave discussed that on January 31, 2022, we have 355 total members and 55 unpaid members. Dave agreed to assign the 55 unpaid dues members randomly to the various Board members for follow up on collection. It was discussed and agreed that going forward that the 2nd VP should receive an email whenever a new member joins AU. The 2nd VP will send a welcoming email to all new members. It was discussed that AU can accept cash, if offered, when new members join.
- It was discussed that in the foreseeable future that Henevelede Hall will likely Not be available for AU purposes. However, the Chapel is available. Doug suggested that all Board members keep this in mind that the Chapel/Church is available for use, if needed.
- Care and Concern – Ed Schlachman has been moved to assisted living.

- Website – Don advised that as of month end January 2022, use of the AU website was down 15%.
- AU Band – Jim on behalf of the of the AU Band expressed sincere thanks to Harry for getting time for the Band to practice at the Midland Park VFW. Significant appreciation from the Band was given for all of Harry’s efforts.
- It was mentioned that 8 to 12 members do Not have an email on file.
- There was a general discussion about converting AU hard copy historical files to digital. Don advised that this will be a significant time-consuming and costly project.
- Investment Club – it was discussed that Al Connelly resigned his position as Chairman of the Investment club in September 2021. To date, there has been no meetings of the Investment club. Subsequent to the meeting, Dennis LaBarbera volunteered to chair the Investment Club. The first meeting will be Wednesday March 16 at 10 AM at the Larkin House.
- Meeting venues – Harry Bennett reported that the VFW Hall is available every Tuesday and Wednesday. The Larkin House is available on Wednesdays and the Ambulance Corps is available on the second Tuesday of each month for our General Meeting. The Franklin Lakes OEM building is also available for our Board meetings prior to the General meeting. Harry reviewed the possible club schedules and will formalize it after speaking with the club chairs. A long discussion about scheduling was held. Doug said that usage of the Ambulance Corps requires setup and breakdown of chairs and tables. The address is 480 Bender Court.
- Spring Luncheon – It was stated that the Spring luncheon will cost \$35.00, per person. The 11 Band members and Rev Andy will be covered by AU. The luncheon will be held at the Indian Trails Country Club Franklin Lakes, NJ. The cost to individual members for drinks, if desired, will be a cash bar.
- Speakers Program – Today’s speaker is Gregory Goodman from Merrill Lynch, and he will be discussing *Aging and Technology*. Next month, Murray Perl will speak about the topic vaccination history. In April, Fred Voss will discuss Genealogy. No speaker is planned for May because of the Spring luncheon.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Doug and seconded by Rich Bernarde at 11:21am.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Bernarde, Secretary