

## ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2024

- Call to order by Past President Harry Bennett was at 12:59 PM in Sanctuary of the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, NJ.
- Harry Bennett led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 37 members in attendance.
- Pastor Andy Kadzban was unable to attend the meeting and unfortunately there was no joke.
- Treasury Report – Mike Kelley informed the group that our cash position remains sound. Mike again encouraged all members to call TD Bank and link their accounts to AH005. If the member does this AU will receive a check from TD Bank once a year. There is absolutely no cost to our members. Mike mentioned that two requests for refunds from two couples (four people) who were unable to attend the Summer BBQ were received, and the Board approved full refunds.
- Care and Concern – Mike Kelley sadly informed the group that long term member Guy Cappello passed. Guy has been an AU member since 2007 and continued to be active in AU clubs and meetings. He will be greatly missed by all. A condolence card and a \$50 donation was made to Guy's favorite charity.
- Mike Kelley cheerfully informed our members that AU was going to provide *a welcome back end of summer/thank you Pizza party for our members* at the September General meeting.
- Membership – Jim Webb informed the group that we now have 315 members.
- Clubs – Walt Widmer gave a brief introduction to his next Public Discussion meeting. Tony Mastandrea gave a spirited introduction to his September History club meeting presentation on baseball, "Only the Ball was White: The History of the Negro Baseball Leagues, 1920-1940s." John Murphy said the annual AU Christmas Party will be on Monday December 2, at Seasons. The price will be the same as 2023, \$99.50 per person. John informed the group that the Christmas Party is the Monday after Thanksgiving.
- New AU Bulletin Board – Harry Bennett explained the new AU Bulletin Board which was developed by a committee which Harry spearheaded. The Bulletin Board contains a significant amount of useful information including recommended area contractors, community activities and classified ads. Harry encouraged all members to log on and try it. Harry also discussed that currently a Nomination Committee is being put together to fill the open positions on the 2025 AU Board. We are seeking to fill, Second VP, Treasurer, asst-Treasurer, and Secretary. Anyone interested in any of these positions should speak to Doug Cooper.

- Today, our own Jack Warren gave an entertaining presentation on the music from the Great Depression and World War II.
- Harry Bennett adjourned the meeting at 2:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Bernarde

Secretary