

## ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2024

- Call to order by President Jim Atieh was made at 2:01 PM in Heneveld Hall, at the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, NJ.
- Tom Donch led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Pastor Andy provided the invocation. And as unusual a good joke.
- Treasury Report – Jim Atieh informed the group that our finances are in good shape.
- Care and Concern – John Toth our new Chairman Care and Concern was unable to attend the meeting because he fractured two ribs. There was no other news to report.
- AU Membership – Jim Webb advised the group that we have 321 new members. So far this year 23 new members have joined AU.
- 2024 Christmas Party – John Murphy reminded everyone of the great deal at \$99.50 per person that the 2024 Christmas party is. There has been no price increase in 2024! John advised all members that checks should be mailed now.
- Club Updates – Marc Bernhardt informed the group that at the next Science club meeting on November 16 Murray Perl will present, *How the Nerds won the Battle of the Atlantic*. Or what England and the US did to fight and stop the German U Boat submarines from torpedoing British and American ships in the Atlantic Ocean. Murray always does a great presentation. Walt Widmer informed us that on December 13 the Discussion club will be discussing the 2024 Presidential election and what went wrong for Harris.
- Election for the 2025 AU Executive Board – All the six Executive Board members seeking election were present. Including Tom Donch as President, Gaspar Lesznik as First VP, Adolph Galluccio as Second VP, Doug Cooper as Treasurer, Gabe Carifi as Assistant Treasurer, and Marty Valerio as Secretary. Members in attendance had a chance to ask questions from the 2025 Executive Board members. Jim Atieh asked the members if they want to raise any candidates from the floor; all declined. Each of the 2025 Board members was put to a vote and all passed. The 2025 Board has now been established.
- AU Bulletin Board – Harry Bennett updated the group on the new AU Bulletin Board. Harry advised that with winter rapidly approaching and the increasing chance of having bad weather, that members should always check the bulletin board for meeting cancellations or new locations for the scheduled meetings. The bulletin board can be updated quickly and is available to all members.
- Tom informed the group that an Elder Care Lawyer was scheduled to speak at this meeting but in the morning his office called tom and said that he was sick and unable to make the meeting. Tom reached out to Murray Perl, and he was gracious to do a last-minute presentation on the recent failures of the Boeing 737 jetliner. As always,

Murray delivered an extremely interesting and informative presentation. *The AU Board wants to sincerely thank Murry for stepping up and coming to our rescue.*

- Jim adjourned the meeting at 3:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Bernarde,

Secretary