

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2023

- Call to order by Harry Bennett 2:04 PM at the Wyckoff Reformed Church
- Jim Ateih led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Pastor Andy provided the invocation and a good joke.
- Harry mention that the Board is working on a new member orientation program.
- Treasury Report – Mike advised that we are in sound financial position. We have 305 paid members. There are 24 members that have not yet paid their 2023 AU dues. So far in 2023, we are off to a good start and have seven new members.
- Care and Concern – Jack DiPiazza, and Walt Widmer’s wife have passed away. In addition, Norbert “Ted” Brandon passed away in Needham MA. Ted was AU’s 1st second vice president.
- Club Activities – John Caikowsky from Trips & Tours mentioned that the March 8 luncheon at the Brownstone was cancelled. In its place will be “*Viva Las Vegas*” on March 30. John mentioned that AU has established a collaboration with the Midland Park Community Education for classes and bus trips. Interested members should call the Midland Park Community Education and mention that they are AU members. Lastly, John mention that he will be working on a luncheon at Alice’s restaurant in Lake Hopatcong, following lunch will be a private boat cruise on Lake Hopatcong. Vince Tortorelli discussed the Book club and gave everyone a heartfelt invitation to come try one on the meetings. Vince advised that reading the books is optional. Fred Thiele revealed his plans for the Garden club in 2023. There will be four quarterly meetings; probably involving a short field trips to various area gardens. Don Kirkpatrick informed everyone that his last Computer club meeting will be on March 28. John Abrahamsen has volunteered to chair the Computer Club and become AU’s Webmaster. Fred Thiele will co-chair the Computer Club. John DeSantis (AU Band) mentioned that the band lowered the volume for the General meeting. This was met with much skepticism from the members. Mark Bernhardt discussed the Science Club and coming meetings. He urged everyone to try coming to the meeting.
- Jim introduced Jack Warner who gave a warm and educational discussion on the three phases of publishing.
- There were 45 members in attendance. Zoom was not provided.
- Harry adjourned the meeting at 3:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Bernarde,
Secretary