

## APKC Minutes: March 10, 2025

Meeting held at the Asbury Park Library. Opened by Alex, seconded by Cori

President Deena then made it official by ringing the bell. All did the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Covenant House:** First order of business was the presentation of a \$5000 check from District 3 for Covenant House by District 3 Board Member Mike Ellithorpe. He praised our efforts stating, "You do more for this (project) than any club in the district." He also introduced Keyport Kiwanian Tina Wright, Lt. Governor of the District, who presented the club with a box of artifacts from the original Asbury Park Kiwanis Club. The grant funding went toward capital improvements to the Covenant House which involved changing the dining room into open space for classes and seminars with a TV mounted on the wall. The space is also used for classes for those transitioning to leave Covenant house.

Spokesperson from Covenant House asked for volunteers to do the sleep out held this year Fri., March 14 in Convention Hall. She also invited all to the program held before the sleep out from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the boardwalk.

**District 3 Conference:** Deena gave a talk about the convention she attended with Jeannine and Shannon, where she gave a presentation about Covenant House and the grant funding. She also learned that we only need 4 new members this year, or 25 percent of our membership, to earn \$21.50 per member returned to us for the coming year.

**EHN:** Steve gave an update of sales: 124 books were sold during the presale along with 64 books and 34 orders for 2 for \$50. This brought the total to 246 books.

**Prevent Child Abuse NJ:** March 12 the club will accept a proclamation from the Mayor and Council for our support of the organization. We were given blue pinwheels to plant 2 pinwheel gardens in town that will have a plaques noting that KCAP planted them.

**Fourth Wave:** several members attended and volunteered at the event at the House of Independence event for 180 Turning Lives Around, a battered women's shelter. The organization sent a letter of appreciation for our efforts and offered to provide a table at next year's event to recruit members and give out information.

**Board Meeting:** Deena reported on the recent meeting of the board stating we are again sponsoring a Little League team, providing snacks and drinks at each game. Other

suggestions included: Play on Pine; Showroom event; Westside Clean ups; visit to Allaire Community Farm; summer swim lessons at the Boys and Girls Club.

**EBT program in summer:** one attendee suggested augmenting the EBT program where children who are eligible for free and reduced lunch are given cards with \$120 for food in the summer. He suggested the club adding grocery store gift cards for each child as well.

**AP Chamber of Commerce:** Wendy suggested members attend the meeting, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and bring books to sell, along with information about the club to recruit members.

**Monthly Social:** Wednesday, March 26. Deena suggested AP Brewery, where we can order food to be delivered. All members are encouraged to invite recruits.

**Christmas in July:** Kevin suggested holding a Christmas in July event. He has been talking to Celia and Madison Marquette for a possible pop up event.

**Close:** motion by Sue Philpot, second by Valle Re.