

Asbury Park Kiwanis Club Minutes: Oct. 7, 2024

The meeting was held in the Lake House in the office of President Deena Cohen, with approximately 14 people in attendance.

First order of business was the presentation of a \$900 check to Coach Will of the Asbury Park AYF (American Youth Football) team. The club previously presented the team with a check for \$1000.

Coach Will spoke saying the team has a 200-0 record vs. Jersey Shore Teams. The 12 year old team, he said, has only lost 4 games.

The funds were raised from an email Past President Steve sent to the EHN customer list.

Funds will be used for team expenses including uniforms and a possible trip to the nationals being held in Disney World. The expense for that trip is estimated at \$20,000.

Coach Will explained that team members must be on the honor roll or close to being on it.

"We take school seriously," he said.

He also invited club members to attend games saying, "People in Asbury Park like to see the people involved."

EHN: funds raised this year were used for scholarships; LL team sponsorship, dinner and breakfast; Book Arks and Covenant House. Three meetings were held to discuss going forward with the program with Deena saying she would like to get more survey responses (there are currently 14) and feedback before we agree to a 2025 booklet.

Covenant House: 2 rooms are now vacant. Chair Karen said she will meet with CH managers to see what they need.

Allaire Community Farm: Steve introduced the idea of planning a trip to the farm, located across from the Municipal Center in Wall Twp. The farm hosts a special needs day for Children with Down Syndrome.

He said they have a package, approximately \$600, which allows 20 children and 20 parents/guardians and includes the petting zoo, hay ride etc.

The tentative date is Sat. Nov. 9.

Shannon said we have the COI on file, which covers the trip.

Plan for the New Year: Deena said she would like to tighten the agendas and participation so we do not have “too many things going on all over.” She spoke to president elect Jeannine about this.

As a group club members agreed to the following list: Bridge of Books; Covenant House; Allaire farm; Trunk or Treat.

She said she would like club members to report the first half hour and then have committee break out sessions so members can discuss and resolve things face to face.

There was a discussion about changing our social meeting due to a conflict with the Asbury Park BOE. There was consensus to change the meeting day to the 4th Wednesday.

Deena also suggested having speakers come in, or club members who have a skill, knowledge or talent to share.

There was also a suggestion of collecting Happy Dollars every meeting.

Club members also agreed that a Sunshine Committee would be a welcome addition. Joanne agreed to chair that committee.

Membership Committee: Chair Wendy said the group is preparing a welcome/onboarding package for new members. Linda will create a packet folder and will send to committee and post on the website. Joanne will make follow up calls to anyone showing interest on our website.

Deena suggested renting out Asbury Lanes for an event to host possible new members. The onsite Diner provides food and lanes for bowling would be open.

Board Meeting: Outgoing treasurer Claire said the board needs to meet to change the bank account information according to Kiwanis International rules. Minutes of the meeting must be recorded.

Thanksgiving Plan 11/28: Valle reported that the Mercy Center is handing out holiday meals the week of the 18th and will need extra help.

Installation: Dinner is Oct. 24, Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m at Asbury Ocean Club.

Next Meeting: Nov. 4, Monday at Lake House. There will be no social meetings in Nov./Dec. Due to the holiday season.

Deena made a motion to close, seconded by Shannon.