

## Minutes: Feb. 12, 2024

Meeting held at Asbury Park Library

**Book Ark #2:** Joanne reported on the Launch taking place Thursday, Feb. 15 at Thurgood Marshall School at 1:30. Abby Daly from Bridge of Books Foundation will attend and bring 500 books for the launch. Later the foundation will provide an additional 500 books. Steve said he will attend and Danielle Sammut, Miss NJ who is a Kiwanis member also planned to attend.

**Covenant House:** Another room is vacant. It needs painting before the new resident moves in. The room also needs blinds, which need to be put up. A new shower curtain is also needed and it needs to be cleaned.

Rotary is providing pizza this week. There is also a birthday, Feb. 22.

The House has 10 rooms and 10 full bathrooms. Steve reported that several of the rooms have not been painted in seven years.

He also said the interior, including common areas, need to be painted. He said he will be planning a "day of painting" when club members meet and paint.

**Mercy Center:** Food pantry is opening the first Monday of every month and volunteers are needed to help distribute food. The hours are 4:30 to 7 p.m. for people in need who work and cannot go to the pantry during the day. They may add another night, on the 3rd Monday of the month from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Steve said volunteers can split shifts if needed. He also said it is expected that when word gets out that the pantry has evening hours more people will be coming.

At our in person meeting next month Mercy Center Kim Guadagno will come and speak about the center and volunteer opportunities.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Club members will again be riding/walking in the parade March 10. Steve will drive his Mini Cooper again and others can walk. 10 to 12 members indicated they were interested in participating along with Key Club members from Allied Health. Please let Shannon know if you are interested in the parade.

**EHN:** The booklets are in and look great. They are starting to sell on the WIX website with 105 sold. Steve said this will be a "longer selling season" compared to last year.

**New Online Signup Site:** Karen is sending info regarding an online signup system that will make it easier for club members to sign up to participate in service projects.

**By-Laws:** Steve asked Michael Mulhaul, KI president elect, about what constitutes a quorum for voting on bylaws. Michael said a "majority of the board" is fine. He said the club can be "flexible" and allow members to join online and vote. He said as far as the entire club goes, as long as the bylaws are sent to all members to preview, a vote can be taken at a meeting with majority vote prevailing.

"No one is going to penalize you," Michael said, "as long as you put forth your best effort."

Michael suggested sending bylaws to Diane O'Brian of Kiwanis International to review.

**Background Checks:** All checks are due by the end of Feb. for those not completed. Everyone needs to have the background check completed every 2 years. Cori, Immediate Past President, said the club is willing to pay the \$35 fee for the checks, if needed. "We will reimburse if asked," she said, "but we ask that those who can pay, do that."

**Members:** Steve said we need more members and added he has some he hopes to "close." He also said he has 7 to 8 volunteers who may join or remain volunteers.

**Socials/Service Projects:** Joanne will create a survey to find out what kind of social gatherings members would be interested in.

Cori will send out a past survey regarding service projects. She said she wants to organize a fashion show during the summer and seeks committee members. "We have a vibrant fashion culture" Proceeds would fund uniforms for AP students.

**AP Little League:** 10 out of 11 members voted to sponsor a team again with a \$500 donation.

**NARCAN:** Deena is seeking help organizing the education and distribution of NARCAN in the city.

**Future Event Ideas:** Steve reported on Movie Day for kids in the summer (need someone to take the lead) and a new Youth Rowing Project.

March 3, there is a benefit concert for 180 Turning Lives Around being held at Asbury Lanes at 3:30. Tix are \$35 and \$40 at the door.