

## **Kiwanis Club of Asbury Park - Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 12, 2025

**Location:** Asbury Park Library.

Meeting Called to Order:

- Motion to open by Shannon, second by Karen
- 14 people in attendance

### **Reports and Updates -**

President's Report: Deena reported that sale of EHN books brought in \$900 at the recent Asbury Park Restaurant Tour and updated Eat, Here, Now stats - \$12,987 in sales with \$8500 net proceeds.

The Asbury Book Co-op sold many books and has 15 more to sell.

**Book Ark Launch:** Mount Carmel School event 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Kiwanis will man a table with the book ark launch at 6:30 p.m. A discussion was held to sell books or give out snacks. Volunteers are needed.

Steve reported that he had picked up 1400 books from Bridge of Books.

**Community Resource Fair/Literacy Day:** Sat. May 31 at the Library, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**Mercy Center Food Pantry:** Valle said she worked Thursday and there were 927 clients that came through.

Celia and Community Karma is helping with volunteers for evening hours in June which will be held every Tuesday evening until 6 p.m. for a 1 ½ hour shift. Volunteers are needed.

**Beach Borrow Box:** Members may donate toys or we will provide funding from the club treasury. Members discussed funding a second beach box at North End playground. Steve was asked about providing another one. Last year many of the toys did not make their way back into the box so it was suggested the word borrow be prominent.

Shannon suggested we should wait to see if there is money in the budget.

Deena said Kearny Bank in Ocean Grove wants to help out so we can let them know what we need.

**Allaire Community Farm:** Wendy said she booked Oct. 25 at 2:30 for the event. When it gets closer volunteers will be solicited.

**Play on Pine:** Select Friday nights in the summer from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., consensus was that members want to do it again this year. Wendy explained that the town brings a Fire Truck which provides water. Part of the road is cordoned off and kids can play, use sidewalk chalk etc. We provide snacks, juice and maybe books. Kerry Martin of Second Life Bikes sponsored it last year. Volunteers are needed.

**Scholarship Committee:** the committee met, the total budget is \$3000, with one scholarship of \$500 being given to Gloria Ann Gonzalez who attends College Achieve. The other \$2500 will be given to students from Asbury Park High School. It will be called the Student Volunteer Scholarship. They have solicited apps and Shannon, Committee Chair said the group will meet May 29 to review applications.

**Membership Committee:** Wendy, committee chair, reported that a few people attended the social at Johnny Mac's with one person, Dawn, joining. Steve met her at Cross Fit. Another prospect, Molly was at the meeting. Molly attended our January meeting. Wendy said she and Joanne will be calling prospective members.

**Club Social:** May 28 at Shoreline Social Club, located in the Berkeley Carteret, 6 to 7:30 p.m. All agreed that we will begin holding socials at Steve's house when the weather warms up.

**Christmas in July:** Celia and Community Karma, AP Santa and Madison Marquette are planning the event. Steve said he will find out what they are planning and how we can offer help.

**Covenant House:** Karen, liaison, said one girl and one boy moved out, but they now have a full house. Volunteers are needed to paint rooms.

**AP Little League:** Our sponsored team, The Padres, were having their last home game this week. Steve, who is involved in the LL, said the fields are looking good and new scoreboards are up. Jeannine, who coaches a softball team, said coaches are needed for ages 4 to 12.

**Asbury Park Library Teen Night:** Shannon reported that it occurred months earlier and we donated money for pizza and soda. The library gave us a shout out on their social media sites.

**Asbury Fest:** being held June 6,7,8, Community Karma is hosting the beer tent Friday and needs volunteers.

**Movie Night at Showroom:** after a brief discussion it was decided to move the event from August to early winter 2026.

**Adjourned** at 7:15 p.m.: Jackie made the motion, Vallie seconded.