

Minutes Sept. 11, '23

Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Asbury Park Library, Children's Library

Attendance: Pres. Cori Lewin, Pres. Elect Steve Everk, Shannon, Deena, Lauren, Karen, Meghan, Kayla, Tom N, Tom? And Joanne.

Installation Dinner: decided on Wed., Oct. 11 at Asbury Ocean Club with food brought in and BYOB.

Discussed participating in future events including Jersey Shore Arts Center Trunk or Treat which we have participated in past years. Also Community Festival event, Springwood Park, Oct. 7, noon to 4 p.m. hosted by Asbury Park Quality of Life and Code. A group of members decided they will attend. Steve will bring a table and we will provide giveaways such as candy and water. (it is the same day as the annual Zombie Walk)

Dina Blackwood of the Asbury Park Rotary spoke saying her club membership is dwindling and they would like to partner with us on projects. She said that our club has the manpower while her club can provide funding for projects but not much manpower.

She outlined their fundraisers, scholarship program and projects.

She also said they would like to help with our upcoming Book Ark installations saying one of their members is the principal at Woodrow Wilson School and would welcome one there.

She told the group about the Coastal Wildlife osprey project in Middletown, where nests are built and high school students observe and track the birds and their eggs. She suggested building nests in nearby towns and having APHS students monitor them and report.

Friendsgiving: Steve reported that Takia said she did not want to chair the committee if we decide to do it again. Several members expressed a desire to hold the event again. Members said the dinner is well known in the community due to affiliation with the AP Little League. A committee was formed with Tom N., Karen, Steve, Shannon and Kayla to work on the event.

Deena reported she will be working on the Narcan project, training and providing Narcan to residents. She just needs to find a location and set a date. It was decided that it will be a good project for the winter months.

Chat 'n Chew event at Macrobits was postponed and will be rescheduled.

EHN: we have 13 restaurants agreeing to go in with 2 declining. Steve suggested have the required 20 by the end of the month for it to go forward. Including retailers was also discussed.

Club dues: The club is subsidizing \$55 of this year's dues with members paying \$100, due by Sept. 30.

Karen spoke to the Covenant House and said, as our point person, she has to fill out an application and be fingerprinted before the organization lets us know what they need.

Drag Event: Chair Deena said Mutiny BBQ agreed to hold the event but not sure about the pricing. The committee said the businesses in AP they contacted did not want a drag event at their businesses.

Porchfest: Sun., Sept. 30. We will be assigned two porches to “guard” in shifts. There are 25 porches and 125 acts performing. Two porches decided against participating so the AP Homeowners are seeking two homeowners to lend their porches.

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.