

Kiwanis Club Asbury Park Meeting Minutes – Nov. 14, 2023

Meeting was held on the 3rd floor of the Jersey Shore Arts Center. There were 17 in attendance.

Motion to open by Kayla and second by Stacy. International President Elect Michael Mulhaul rang the club's bell. He then presented Sue Philpot with her Legion of Honor certificate for 25 years of service, and a pin. She was very touched. All then enjoyed Proseco and a Cake from Wegmans made especially for the occasion with our logo and "25 years Congratulations Sue Philpot."

New members in attendance: Jeanine and Karen.

Covenant House: Sue Monteiro, from Covenant House spoke giving a history of the organization which she has been with for 10 years.

She said it started with "two guys and a van."

She said the state organization houses 200 young people every night, ages 18 to 22. They are homeless with no other choice.

The women's center opened in the city two years ago. Both the men's and women's houses were built by Interfaith Neighbors.

Currently 5 young men are living there. Each has his own bedroom and bath. The house includes a living room.

The houses are usually to full capacity, Sue said.

Most of the residents have jobs and/or are getting an education, some in high school, college and Brookdale Community College.

The homes are staffed by personnel 24/7. Our liaison Karen Harrington has clearance now to be in the house.

Part of the program includes celebrating birthdays of residents.

Sue said the annual "Sleep Out" fundraising event is at Metlife stadium on Dec. 7.

Committee Updates:

Deena said the Drag Event was a big success bringing in \$500. She said it was a fabulous event and is the way to go forward in the future.

EHN: Stacy reported that there are 14 renewals and 1 new entrant in the coupon book.

Treasurer's report: Claire said the finance committee still needs one more member. She also reported membership dues are paid up and there is \$6000 in the club's bank account.

She reported that the 501(c)3 application is stalled because we can't do the short form due to the fact we have a 501(c)4.

Social and Outreach: Megan is kicking off an active campaign in December.

The Toy Drive spreadsheet on website, with opportunities to sponsor a family. Also the sign up sheets for the Santa Station at Convention Hall every weekend and the distribution event at Thurgood Marshall School on Dec. 16. There are 2 shifts.

Steve suggested doing another Westside Street Cleanup in partnership with the AP Little League.

Because we are not participating in a Friendsgiving this year, the club will consider hosting a community dinner in March.

The bell was rung to end the meeting.