

AP Meeting 8/11/25

18 Members Present

Motion to open by Cori, Second by Jacki

Soccer Update

Kevin provided an update on the boys' soccer program and introduced Andrew Johnson. Twenty kids showed up for the soccer program today; it's a collaboration between PAL and the school district. Meetings are going to be scheduled to discuss the future of the soccer program. Andrew referred to the high-quality soccer training as the "Academic Arts Athletics Alliance," in partnership with BVB. They will provide mentorship and tutoring for the children. He also wants to bring in a food program to combat food insecurity in the community. The program currently runs three days a week during the summer. The group includes middle school to high school students at the moment, and will open it up to girls and younger ages in the future. Practices are open to all to visit at Bradley Elementary on Wednesdays and Fridays. Reach out to Kevin if interested. If anyone knows of a girls' coach, please reach out to Kevin. We will share details on social media when it's ready. **18 members present Roll call voted Yes to provide the \$1,000 budgeted for the soccer league.**

Blood Drive

August 22nd, Atonement Lutheran Church, 12-5 pm, at Parish Hall, 308 1st Ave., Asbury Park. To register, log into redcrossblood.org/rapidpass.

Beach Toy Box

Moved to 6th Ave by Eileen Chapman; hopefully, the new location is a success and toys are returned. Girl Scouts created their own beach toy borrow box on 1st Ave; they reached out to us for advice on the sign.

Community Garden

Nancy Fasano runs the community garden (Bangs and Memorial). They are looking for help on Saturdays from 9-11 am to give out food to the community. A tour of the garden is scheduled for 9-10 am this Saturday, August 16th. They have about 25 beds of harvested, pesticide-free vegetables. Reach out to Steve if you can volunteer.

Play on Pine

A few events are left, and we are still present. They are weather-driven. The last one is August 29th. Wendy had an idea to have an ice cream truck at the August 29th Play on Pine event, and Kiwanis will purchase the ice cream for the kids. Kevin will provide a connection.

Covenant House

No major updates. Steve will work on any handyman issues that arise.

Mercy Center

They have been getting about 15-25 people every Tuesday from 4-6 pm when Kiwanis helps keep it open. They still need volunteers during the day as well. They get around 10,000 people a month who are in need of food. They need people to drive the Mercy Center truck to pick up groceries from local businesses such as Costco, Target, etc. Reach out to Shannon, Valli, or Steve if you can volunteer. Dom will also reach out to the Home Owners Association and spread the word.

Backpack Drive

August 23rd – Steve will be picking up the last of the supplies. 1,200 backpacks will be filled. Volunteers are needed for the Community Day Late Shift from 2-6 pm at Springwood Park. The dunk tank event at Georgie's was a success; they raised over \$3,000. "Christmas in July" was amazing; it was a brand new event that was successful. The small businesses were a big support.

EHN Update: 400 books have been sold. Steve is currently planning for next year's EHN. Increased member support is needed for recruitment efforts. A dedicated fundraising committee is required. The club needs to explore additional funding sources beyond EHN profits.

Library- Jacki informed us they secured funding for a mural on the wall in the Library. Feedback is appreciated

Upcoming Agenda and Events:

- Establish a separate Fundraising Committee.
- Schedule an EHN huddle.
- October 25th-Trunk or Treat at Jersey Shore Arts. Sign up to come.
- October 25th: Allaire Farm event. Sign up to come.
- Installation dinner tentative October 22nd.

Motion to end Karen and Second Valli