

Kiwanis Club of Asbury Park

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 14, 2025

Location: Asbury Park Library

Attendance: 21 members present

1. Christmas in July Event

- **Guest Speaker:** Celia from *Community Karma* discussed the inaugural **Asbury Park Christmas in July**, scheduled for **July 24–27**.
 - Tentative schedule:
 - **July 24:** Kickoff Happy Hours at local establishments (pending finalization).
 - **July 25:** Performance by *The Unknowns*, Wendy's band, at Shoreline Social Club (8 p.m.). Club member Kevin ("Santa") will be available for photos.
 - **July 26:** Santa photo ops continue, with a themed Christmas tree.
 - **Participation:** 10 businesses have submitted forms to offer discounts/promotions.
 - Celia expressed hope for long-term growth of the event.
 - She also reported that the Backpack Event is set for Sat. Aug. 23. Volunteer opportunities will be sent for fundraising, stay tuned for sign ups.
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2. Georgie's Annual Dunk Tank

- **Date:** Saturday, August 3, from 3–7 p.m.
 - **Features:** DJ, 50/50 raffle (gaming license obtained), dunk tank with club members Steve, Deena, Celia, and potentially others.
 - **Fundraising:** Postcards distributed for donations toward backpacks and the toy drive.
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3. Volunteer Opportunities

- **Play on Pine and Mercy Center** (Tuesdays, 4–6 p.m.): Volunteers needed.
 - **Note:** Mercy Center staff are currently on vacation, so daytime volunteers are also needed.
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4. Beach Toy Borrow Box

- Steve reported a shortage of toys due to items (especially boogie boards) not being returned.
- Club decided **not to refill the box** at this time.
- Steve contacted Council Member Eileen Chapman about possible town support.
- Suggestion made to **relocate the box** to the north end of the beach where most toys accumulate.

5. July Social

- **Date:** Wednesday, July 23
- **Location:** Steve's house
- **Details:** BYOB, pizza will be ordered.

6. Eat, Here, Now (EHN)

- **Treasurer's Report:** Alex confirmed net proceeds now exceed \$10,000.

7. Election Results

- **Officers for Next Year:**
 - **Treasurer:** Alex
 - **Co-Secretaries:** Shannon and Joanne
 - **President-Elect:** Wendy
- **Board Members:** Maria, Karen, Linda, Cori, Kevin, and Chris

9. Covenant House Update

- **Karen:** Reported Monmouth County is issuing **50 rent-assistance grants** for young adults aging out of foster care. Grants include furniture support; family members may also be eligible.
 - **Steve:** Club has **\$2,500 in grant funds** available for Covenant House support.
 - Suggested uses: **Friendsgiving, BBQ events, or food gift cards**
 - **Note:** Avoid gift cards for ShopRite or Walmart (they sell cigarettes).
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10. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Kevin
 - **Second:** Lauren
 - **Meeting adjourned.**
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