



Lucketts Ruritan

Board of Directors: Jim McKenzie, President; Peter Gustafson, Vice President; Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary; Craig Bond, Treasurer; Rich Cleland, Al Menendez, Pat Logue, Don Stanley, Directors

General Membership Meeting Minutes-June 12th, 2018

Attending: Adams, Bates, Bond, Ewell, Fabboli, Falk, Gustafson, Hart, Hillebrand, Hobbie, Johnson, Logue, McKenzie, Mears, Menendez, Penaranda, Quitter, Small, Snooks, Stanley

Guests: Melanie Scoggins, Jan Kernan, Jeff Ertman, Martha Polkey, Avis Renshaw, Suzanne Eblen, Stan Dixon (District Lt. Gov.), Corney Heykoop

CTO and Welcome by Pres. McKenzie at 7:30 PM. John Adams said the blessing before the meal, prepared by the ladies of Furnace Mountain Church.

Minutes: Sent via email.

Treasurer's Report: C. Bond presented the monthly financial profit and loss reports. Total income was \$5,685.00 (primarily reflecting trash receipts and member dues); expenses were \$9,648.26 (primarily reflecting compactor service costs, meeting meal costs, facility use fees, National dues, Club Outreach, website, and expenses for May meeting special event) for a net ordinary income of -\$3,963.26. Checking account has \$11,007.73; our T. Rowe Price account has \$196,061.99, for an assets total of \$207,576.72. Dues owed: \$447. Bond said he is doing a balance analysis against our budget, to be reported later.

Program:

P. Logue introduced our program about LAWS (Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter) by reminding us about the challenge from Ruritan National to support support homeless children, especially teens. Pat reached out to LAWS to speak to us about their programs and initiatives. Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, Quinchela Dent-Hess began by thanking our club for our support and reiterating that not only women, but also children and men, are victims of domestic and sexual assault and in need of services, all of which are free. LAWS opened in 1984 to provide temporary emergency shelter, food, and emotional support to victims of domestic violence and abuse. LAWS serves more than 1,000 citizens annually. LAWS is a private, non-profit organization, funded by government and foundation grants, the

Next Meeting

July 14th, 2018 4:00 P.M. til dark
Lovettsville Game Club

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program: Our July meeting will be our annual summer picnic, held again this year together with the Lovettsville/Waterford, Hamilton, and Point of Rocks Ruritan Clubs. Note the venue this year is the Lovettsville Game Club.

United Way, private donations, and the Resourceful Woman Thrift Store.

LAWS is more than just the shelter; their Community Services Center, near the court on Market St. in Leesburg, is staffed with volunteer bilingual counselors, two attorneys, and Court Advocates. These staff provide consultation with an attorney; legal representation for victims obtaining a Protective Order or filing charges against an abuser; and accompany people to court to help them navigate the legal system.

LAWS conducts eight-week groups for children and youth where counselors guide them on developing healthy relationships and how to protect themselves on social media, and groups for adults that cover a range of topics and provide guidance on handling assault and logistical and legal issues. LAWS also has a 24-hour hotline.

The Resourceful Woman Thrift Store in Leesburg supports LAWS programs through the sale of donated clothing and household items. LAWS clients ready to move to a new home receive vouchers to the store. Ms. Dent-Hess noted that the greatest current need is for gift cards for gas, groceries, restaurants, Home Depot, movies, bowling, or anything that can help families and teens recover and enjoy normal activities. Teen needs, especially for boys, include school supplies, phone chargers and earbuds, underwear, pajamas, entertainment, and books and games. LAWS also advocates for self care, focusing on mothers, who receive care packages put together from donations.

LAWS welcomes volunteers and conducts volunteer training two times a year. Sessions run for 30 hours on two Saturdays and two Tuesday evenings. Volunteers must be at least 21 and out of school. LAWS is always looking for volunteers to

provide activities at the shelter, such as yoga, meditation, crafts, or games with children. The current goal is to have the shelter staffed 24x7; Ms. Dent-Hess said they were almost there in terms of sufficient staffing.

At the end of the presentation, a motion was made to donate \$1500 to LAWS to provide graphic calculators and other needed items to teens; motion was passed. Pres. McKenzie also noted that 50% of the proceeds from the raffle held at our summer picnic will go to LAWS.

Business:

Scholarship Awards: D. Stanley announced that our scholarship award winners were Quinn Herbine, Brenna Hjermstad, and Lexy Slone, each of whom received \$3,000. Citizenship Award winners were Skylar Ogden-Tuscarora HS (\$500), Robert Pearson-Smarts Mill MS (\$300), and Maria Avilez- Lucketts ES (\$100).

Business Collaborative: D. Fabboli introduced several members of the Business Collaborative who were guests at this meeting. These individuals represented Loudounberry Store, the Lucketts Store, Mom's Apple Pie, Black Sheep Farm, and Loudoun Strategies. Martha Polkey of Black Sheep Farm reported that the group met with some of our Ruritan club members and discussed developing a booklet of local businesses for distribution to the community and a welcome packet for new residents that would also introduce local businesses. Pres. McKenzie invited collaborative members to attend our Board meetings if desirable. A representative from the Falconnaire development may serve on one of our subcommittees and as a liaison with the Boy Scouts. Business Collaborative members could also serve as sponsors, be sponsored, or become associate Ruritan Club members, all options under discussion. J. Adams noted that many needs in Lucketts are not currently being met, for example, as there are no programs for teens at LCC, the collaborative may get involved in creating a teen center. The point was that the collaborative and the Ruritan club have common goals.

Rt. 15: D. Fabboli reported that the next stakeholders meeting will be held on July 16th. He noted that the group has not considered the scenario of four lanes north of Lucketts and that the point is to ease traffic, not make four lanes. The current plan is to re-align Montresor and

Limestone School Roads, and Newvalley and Spinks Ferry Roads. M. Polkey stated that a presentation by Ian Lockwood, transportation policy analyst, will be held on June 20. Lockwood notes that traffic calming circles make the most sense to ease, not draw, traffic on Rt. 15. In the draft CPAM transportation update, Rt. 15 is listed as an expressway like Rt. 7, an option that Supervisor G. Higgins is not in favor of. Other considerations include a bypass around Lucketts, in scenarios with and without four lanes; however, this option does not address the issue of access to driveways and businesses through Lucketts. P. Gustafson, who is on the stakeholders committee, said that in his opinion, people's minds are already made up; the consultant study first ended at Tutt Lane, then was extended to White's Ferry Rd., and then to Montresor, and now, the consultant is four-laning to Lucketts. Local input does not appear to be considered, leaving few options.

Joint Picnic: D. Stanley met with the other clubs and divided responsibilities for our summer picnic on July 14th. This event is open to family, friends, and guests. Our club is responsible for the facility rental and for wine and beer.

Sip 'n Social: J. Adams reported that our May event at Fabboli Cellars was a great success. We received several comment cards from attendees that provided us with some ideas for activities and some potential new members.

Food Pantry Collections: G. Mears reported the Food Pantry at Faith Chapel is now operating, but that only one family came on the first Saturday and 10 families on the second Saturday. Gary will speak to Romero, the pastor in the trailer area behind the gas station to encourage him to serve as a liaison between the food bank and the trailer park across from the school to encourage people to use the food bank. He questioned whether Saturday was the best day to distribute food, and that a week night may be better. P. Logue noted that 68 children at LES receive food at school and that the food bank will be open two more times before the end of school.

Trash: P. Gustafson has sent an RFP out to a list of potential haulers, but noted that 80% of these would not fit our needs. He has narrowed the possible firms to the larger organizations, most out of Manassas. He noted that we may end up with Waste Management after all but need to resolve

the ongoing problem with leaky trucks. The final deadline for receipt of bids is the end of June.

Parking: I. Moffett was not present, but Pres. McKenzie noted that we still need volunteers for this coming weekend (Carriage Classic) and other events, and for mowing at LAWS shelter. Please sign up online through SignUp Genius.

Strawberry Festival: G. Mears reminded everyone that the Strawberry Festival at Christ Church has been postponed until July 4th, due to the rainy weather we had in early June. Volunteers for setup and cleanup are still needed.

Announcements:

1. M. Quitter announced that girls will soon be able to join the Boy Scout troop here in Lucketts.
2. C. Bond announced a short term need for help in placing and taking down the fans and bunting displayed on the LCC building over the July 4th holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

June 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Attending: Bond, Cleland, Gustafson, Hillebrand, Menendez, Penaranda, Quitter, Sorrell, Stanley

In the absence of Pres. McKenzie, VPres. P. Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes: To be sent out via email.

Treasurer's Report: C. Bond provided the monthly financial profit and loss reports for June. Total income was \$6,145.21 (primarily reflecting trash receipts and member dues); expenses were \$1,499.82 (primarily reflecting scholarship distributions and meeting meals, but not including compactor costs, as bill had not been received) for a net ordinary income of \$4,645.39 (less \$2,481 for compactor costs). Checking account has \$15,773.12; our T. Rowe Price account has \$196,061.99, for an assets total of \$211,909.11. Dues owed: \$54. Bond also presented a budget report showing planned vs. executed expenditures. He broke out our expenditures into categories, such as Business, Food Pantry, LCC, Rudy Jr., Sip

& Social, to show specific line item expenses for each category. Details are on our website.

The Board again discussed establishing separate line items for H.S. scholarships and Program Support (which would show monies supporting LCC programs and assistance). The Board also agreed to ask the Scholarship Committee for its recommendations and guidelines for scholarship amounts going forward. A motion was introduced and passed to ask the Scholarship Committee to work with the Finance Committee to determine the amount and intent of use of the budgeted \$10K for scholarships and program support and to report in a month.

New Business:

Budget: The Board discussed an LCC request for \$825 for a music program and parenting workshops in September. Since this amount was more than the BOD is authorized to approve, we separated it into two line items, one for the music program (\$325) and one for the parenting workshops (\$500). Steve Hillebrand, Scholarship committee member, reported Chairman of Scholarship Committee Tom Small's opposition to these two LCC requests as follows: Regarding the request for funds for the Parenting Workshop: Scholarship chairman opposes because this workshop does not focus on children's education as was his original intent in proposing the use of club scholarship funds for LCC scholarships and programs. Regarding the request for funds for Music for Kids: Scholarship chairman opposes because LCC is charging \$5 per child and planning for 100 attendees, which would yield \$500 of income to LCC, thereby putting in question the need for an additional donation from the Ruritans. Also opposed because this program is first in a series, leaving a question as to whether the LCC will ask for additional funds for the next performances. Chairman believes this request to be incomplete and documentation insufficient.

Two motions to approve these requests were made and passed. D. Stanley pointed out that our original donation of \$10K to LCC was made with the understanding that these monies would be used at Hilary Cooley's discretion. Our Board does not need to approve every item or individual expenditure, as we do not get involved in how the LES PTA spends our donation to them. In addition, M. Quitter will report later on how the LLCAB has supported LCC programs in the past.

Business Collaborative: A. Menendez reported that the collaborative met with Martha Polkey of Black Sheep Farm to discuss initiatives and projects. The group identified three programs for outreach: 1) a Business Directory listing local businesses (still to be determined is how big the covered geographical area should be; 2) a Welcome kit, including the Business Directory, to be distributed to new Lucketts residents; and 3) a Training Program that would focus on vocational and on-the-job training. The BOD discussed partnership options, which included participation by collaborative members as advisory members or associates of our club. M. Polkey will prepare information for the next meeting of the collaborative, noting that business fundraising is a separate issue that could and probably should be extended to larger businesses. We will go to our members to ask whether anyone has a relationship with any local business that could aid in fundraising; members would be expected to show the benefit to the business to partner with our club and/or to support with funds.

Membership: This issue was tabled for now. We will check our inventory of shirts, hats, pins, and name tags for new members and order accordingly.

Strategy: S. Sorrell reported that next steps included building a presence on social media. P. Logue is working with M. Gustafson. Sorrell also reported that we have not yet heard from group 3, tasked with focusing on the needs of women in Lucketts. The Board agreed to get a group of women together for a discussion of women's needs in the community. One objective is to increase volunteerism, not necessarily club membership, focusing on virtual volunteerism as needs require.

P. Gustafson noted that many of our committees are not used much or are not active. Sorrell stated that we need clear goals for our committees going forward to clarify their activities.

Food Bank: R. Cleland reported that he took the food donations collected at the last Saturday's trash the food collected by the Boy Scouts and at the LCC to the Loudoun Hunger Relief office in Leesburg. Collections totaled 1837 pounds at last count. Village Green is also collecting money and/or food, and Cleland will coordinate with M. Johnson on what was done.

Picnic: D. Stanley reported that plans are on track for the picnic on July 14 at the Lovettsville Game Club. We can get access to the facility at 2:00 PM

for setup; the meal is scheduled to be served at 5:00 PM. We still need a head count, so Pres. McKenzie will send out a reminder email for people to RSVP, to include members of the Business Collaborative and potential new members.

Strawberry Festival: Reminder that the festival at Christ Church has been postponed to July 4th.

Monthly Speakers: June: LAWS; July: picnic; August: Gas Station representative (this is not locked in); September: Geary Higgins, Catoclin Supervisor on the BOS.

Trash: P. Gustafson discussed our trash RFP and requirements with "Tony" from Patriot Corp. He expects a proposal back from Patriot and one from Waste Management soon so we can make a decision. He noted that we are still experiencing issues involving recycling, as many people are still not flattening boxes and putting plastic bags in the recycling bins. Our workers need to pay more attention and make it clear to users that boxes must be flattened and plastic bags are not allowed. We still need a more visible sign about these issues and a separate trash can for disposal of plastic bags after emptying into the recycling bins. Treasurer Bond determined that our monthly average of receipts, calculated from January to June, ranges from \$3965 to \$5635, depending on how many Saturdays fall within a month.

Parking: Tabled.

Announcements:

1. P. Logue requested a donation of \$1800 to assist a local woman with rent to help her remain in Lucketts and her children in LES. A house is available through Christ Episcopal Church, but this woman can afford only part of the monthly rent. If we assist her with this donation, we can take the amount from our club savings, show it as a variance in the budget, or take it from our emergency assistance budget item (however, there was a question as to whether we still have an emergency assistance item in our budget). A motion was made and passed to approve this assistance to this family, pending approval by the general membership, to be solicited via email for expedience.

2. S. Sorrell noted that we need to follow through on our discussion of whether to continue to absorb the variance in our budget for expenditures

associated with a holiday banquet (\$5K budgeted)
or whether we will rethink our holiday activities.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

