



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-October 9th, 2018

Attending: Adams, Baker, J Benjamin, Bond, Ewell, Fabboli, Falk, Ferreira, Frankenfield, Hart, Heykoop, Johnson, Mears, Menendez, Penaranda, Price, Quitter, Small, Snooks, Stanley

Guests: Debbie and Dennis Sackman, Barbara Scott

CTO: 7:30 PM.

Pres. McKenzie could not be present, so the meeting was conducted by Al Menendez, who welcomed our guests and thanked the ladies of Furnace Mt. Church for preparing the dinner meal.

New Members: The membership unanimously voted in new members Frank and Bonnie Maruca and Barbara Scott. Welcome!

Minutes: Approved. Sent via email.

Treasurer's Report: C. Bond provided the monthly financial profit and loss reports for September. Total income was \$7,793.09 (primarily reflecting trash collections and member dues); expenses were \$4,288.75 (primarily reflecting compactor service and newsletter production costs), for a net ordinary income of \$3,504.34. A negative unrealized gain from our T. Rowe Price account of -\$188.67 resulted in a net income of \$3,315.67. Checking account has \$10,929.89, with \$459 in accounts receivable; our T. Rowe Price account has \$206,627.49, for an assets total of \$218,016.38. Dues owed: \$1,690.

Program:

Our speaker, Kurt Ascherman of Christ Episcopal Church in Lucketts, noted that the church is in its 150th year. The church has transitioned to the leadership of an Episcopal lay pastoral leader, rather than the traditional pastor. Only three Virginia parishes are currently run by lay leaders; most are run by priests. Kurt stated that the Episcopal Church is dying, but leaders recognize that the old ways are not working, hence the change to lay leadership. Leaders are asking, how can the faith community best serve the larger Lucketts community in general? They have concluded that it would be more productive to spend less time on theological issues and more on

Next Meeting

November 13th, 2018 7:30 P.M.
Lucketts Community Center

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Program: Our November program will feature club member Doug Fabboli, who will discuss his new Mentorship Program and the progress to date.

what they call a "community of love," which means an effort to make teachings relevant to the lives of people today? Their vision statement says it does not matter whom you love, as long as you love, same "vote." They are focusing on messages not sermons, that advocate giving everyone the benefit of doubt and not trying to change anyone. The leaders of Christ Church want to create a safe place for teenagers and children, as they recognize that kids face new pressures now that previous generations did not have. They want to figure out how to help kids negotiate their lives and provide an opportunity and a forum to say what they think. They ask, "How does Jesus help you?"

Club member Gary Mears of Faith Chapel stated that his group is focusing on projects such as Christmas gifts for children and the local food pantry, with a goal of bringing middle school-aged children of diverse backgrounds together. He is developing a process for reaching young people on a larger scale within the community. He and Kurt recognize that adults or church leaders cannot "invade social media," so are focusing on word of mouth to draw kids in for fun activities. He noted that kids nowadays do not have the same approach to religion, so the goal is to reach all kids wherever they are currently in their thinking and beliefs and not emphasize what the church says. They will begin activity sessions with food as an ice breaker and then move on to discussions from the perspective of the young people, beginning with a question such as "What does 'Turn the Other Cheek' mean to you?" The focus would be on listening to the perspectives and ideas of others, that there is no right or wrong answer to any question and no intended result, and that there is no need to belong to any church. The leaders will tell parents discussions are confidential unless they

hear a real problem or issue that should be communicated. The point of these sessions is to learn from one another and focus on service projects. The role of parents would be to assist with service projects and manage sports and other activities.

T. Small suggested that the churches might sponsor a sports tournament of some sort. Guest Dennis Sackman suggested that these leaders down scope a little by trying a smaller group first to see what works and what doesn't.

Business:

Finance Committee: S. Sorrell was not present so report was postponed.

Business Collaborative: A. Menendez reported that he met with Larry Cassell of the Jefferson Ruritans, the next Ruritan National President. They plan to structure our new committee and work on finding contacts in the local business community for donations (\$12K pledged so far). J. Adams asked for clarification of the business collaborative; D. Fabboli stated that the business leaders of the Lucketts community now have a Facebook page called Explore Lucketts.) A. Menendez said that the collaborative is a platform for outreach to the Lucketts community and to establish communication with our club, the goal being to define common programs of interest such as development of a Business Directory, welcome kits for new neighbors, and D. Fabboli's training program initiative. C. Heykoop noted that the businesses will get a structure from our club and the club will get the directory and the benefit of projects as they are defined and developed.

Rudy Junior Clubs: P. Logue and K. Price met with the Lucketts Elementary fourth and fifth graders, 16 of whom were new Rudy Junior Club members. Their plans are to make a school flag, research the history of Lucketts Elementary School, clean up various areas, and assist with the local food pantry. At Smarts Middle School, the first meeting attracted 40 new young people, six from the Lucketts program. This group will brainstorm to decide on projects for the year, but already committed to a No Sale Yard Sale and to assist the elementary school club with the annual coat drive.

Membership Committee: New hats and shirts have been ordered to supplement our inventory from a local company near Wegmans grocery store.

Parking: Next event is the Lucketts Antique Fair on Nov. 9-11. Please sign up online if you can help.

Christmas Party: M. Quitter noted that the party will begin with the cocktail hour at 6:00PM; dinner will be at 7:00 PM. Pres. McKenzie will send out an email invitation in the next few days; RSVP responses should be sent out promptly to enable an accurate head count. Note that we need to collect \$20 per person to cover the catering costs.

Announcements:

1. P. Logue and B. Scott met with Susan Leonie from the LCCAB to discuss a new music program for kids to be offered at the school. They will develop a list of local musicians, invite these individuals to meetings with Ms. Leonie, and feature the new music program (and other future programs) in *Lucketts News & Notes*.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

October 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Attending: Bond, Logue, McKenzie, Menendez, Penaranda, Stanley

Meeting was held at the home of D. Stanley, 12845 Potomac Overlook La., Leesurg, VA 20176. CTO at 7:30 PM.

Minutes: Minutes to be sent via email.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer C. Bond provided summary financial profit and loss reports for the year to date, showing progress against the budget. We are under budget for the period. Checking account has \$9,426.02, with \$459 in accounts receivable; our T. Rowe Price account has \$206,577.129, for an assets total of \$216,462.14. Dues owed \$1,043.

P. Logue requested, and the Board approved, \$500 to the Rudy Junior Club at Smarts Mill Middle School to fund their activities. The group recently helped organize the local food pantry at Faith Chapel.

Pres. McKenzie stated that member S. Hillebrand has requested funding from our club for his son Eric to present a History Event at LES. His presentation is geared toward kids and is very popular. Board approved.

The Membership Committee will clarify the amount of family dues owed when both members of a couple or more than one member of a family is a Ruritan Club member.

New Business:

Definition of Family Assistance/Scholarship: R. Cleland was not present, so discussion tabled.

Business Collaborative: No update on activities. A. Menendez reported that the group is a little unstable, as members come and go. A small core group is still active. We will put an ad in the newsletter and publish a list of business donors to the club.

Membership: P. Logue again noted that we have some new shirts and hats from the local provider in Leesburg. Placing the Lucketts Ruritan logo on the shirts is expensive, so she recommended using only one color (yellow) against the navy shirt for the logo. She is waiting for a price quote for 21 hats and shirts as new inventory for new members and will get a price for fleece jackets as well.

Donation: The Board approved a donation of \$500 to the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy in the name of club founding member Jim Rocks who passed away this year.

Coat Drive: The coat drive for this season has been successful so far. In an email report, S. Hillebrand stated that we collected 200 coats, and that we will need to buy about 12 to meet the requirements provided by the school. We will also purchase gloves, hats, and shoes for each child.

Board Meetings Hosted at Members' Homes:

- November – Menendez
- December – Christmas Party.
- December Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 8th at P. Logue's home. The January General Membership meeting will move to the following Tuesday – January 15th.

Monthly Speakers: The November speaker will be Doug Fabboli on the Mentorship Program. In January, we will not have a speaker, but will focus on our committees. Suggestions for future speakers included someone from Save Rural Loudoun, focusing on the watershed, and a representative from the Loudoun Museum.

Christmas Party: Plans are on track. We have budgeted \$3700 for the event. This year, we will not have a live musician during the cocktail hour, but will play holiday music from CDs.

Leadership for 2019: Pres. McKenzie reported that the Nomination Committee finalized the nominees for Officers and Directors for the 2019 Board. President: P. Gustafson; Vice President: A. Menendez; Secretary: L. Penaranda; Treasurer: D. Stanley. Directors: J. McKenzie, P. Logue, M. Dunn, G. Mears. Board approved the nominations.

Committee Assignments for 2019: The Board discussed extensively the work and functions of our committees and developed recommendations for the leadership of each. Pres. McKenzie will make a short presentation to the membership at the January General Meeting on these recommendations.

Announcements:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary