

June/July 2022 - General Meeting

The June General Membership Meeting is our annual picnic, This year, the picnic was held on Saturday, June 11, at the home of Al Menendez.

June 2022 – Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

The June 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting was postponed from June 28th and held on July 7th at Faith Chapel.

Attending: Baker, Dunn, Fauber, Hart, Hillebrand, Logue, Menendez, Moffett, Penaranda, Ruth, Stanley

Minutes: Secretary summarized May minutes and noted no June minutes taken because of the picnic.

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley reported our accounts as of June 30, We had \$26,744.22 in our Truist checking account; \$124,249.39 in our Vanguard General Fund, and \$159,325.63 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund, for a total asset amount of \$310,048.24, We disbursed \$2,375 in a Youth Development Grant for the LES Reflex math program; the Community grants are currently under budget. We are still waiting for an updated invoice from the compactor company.

Update on Actions of Finance Committee and Status of 2023 FY Budget

M. Dunn reported that we will renegotiate the compactor service contract in October. We will wait to pay our outstanding invoice amount until we receive a proper, current invoice. There is some confusion about the company name, whether it is doing business as Waste Solutions or Bates. Other items included:

- Our scholarship fund is now less than \$150K.
- Grant funds: Youth grants are over budget; Community grants are under budget.
- The donation button on our website is not operational.
- We need fundraising ideas.

A motion was passed to move \$20K out of the scholarship fund into the checking account to cover the upcoming disbursements for scholarships.

Parking Options for FY 2023

A. Menendez reported the following:

- We have a fewer number of parking events in 2023, partly because fewer club members are volunteering, and partly because much of our revenue has to go to other clubs who help us with parking when we don't have the members to cover the events
- For 2023, we have the two Antiques Fair events scheduled, but we should consider increasing our fee for parking to increase our revenue
- An antique tractor sale will be held at the LeGard Farm that may require parking help
- We need to work with other clubs to manage parking events
- We need a new parking policy to address the health concerns of members about long shifts. Suggestions include reducing shifts to two hours instead of four and splitting a shift between two or more members

Mt. Pleasant Church Update

Pres. Logue reported a meeting was held with Lori Kimball, President of the Black History Committee of Balch Library, and Arnold Ambers (current trustee) to discuss options for how to keep the building from deteriorating further. A professional assessment is required by a structural engineer; Ms. Kimball has received one proposal from a structural engineering firm to date. Pres. Logue stated that our club could act as the Fiscal Agent to apply for a grant by a 501(c)3 entity to pay the engineer. Additional trustees are needed; our club may assist in finding suitable candidates. Options include someone from the Loudoun Preservation Society, Kelly Berliner from the Archeological Conservancy as a possible successor trustee, and/or the Virts/Miller Foundation (also a 501(c)3 entity.

The Board carried the following motion: That the Lucketts Ruritan Club act as the Fiscal Agent for the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church for the purpose of applying for a Loudoun Preservation Society Grant, accepting required matching donations as well as any funds awarded and disbursing funds according to the terms of any such award.

Review of July Membership Meeting

The July meeting will focus on the scholarship winners. So far, 48 people have responded that they will attend.

Miscellaneous: Barbara and Dan Roques and Norm and Sally Soles are potential new members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p. m.

July 2022 - General Meeting

The July Membership meeting was held on July 12th at Fabboli Cellars.

Dinner: 7:00, CTO: 7:45 PM

Attending: Adams, Baker, Cleland, Dunn, Fabboli, Falk, Fauber, Gustafson, Hart, Hillebrand, Logue, Maruca B and F, McKenzie, McTiernan, Menendez, Penaranda, Quitter, Ruth, Small, Stanley

Welcome: Guests: Dan and Barbara Roques, Mercedes Menendez

Minutes: Secretary summarized May minutes and noted no June minutes taken because of the annual picnic. Minutes from earlier meetings are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report: D, Stanley reported our accounts as of June 30, We had \$26,744.22 in our Truist checking account (down \$20K from the transfer to Vanguard); \$134,249.39 in our Vanguard General Fund, and \$159,325.63 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund, for a total asset amount of \$310,048.24. Don noted that we still have not received an updated invoice from the compactor company; trash revenue is now back to pre-Covid levels, which is somewhat less.

Motion to Accept New Members Barbara and Dan Roques

The membership voted unanimously to accept the Roques as new members! Congratulations and welcome!

Ruritans Making a Difference

Pres, Logue summarized the purpose of the Ruritan Club and our focus on activities that benefit the community. We raise money through our Saturday trash and recycling service and apply these funds to scholarships, grants, and other community needs, such as the Reflex program at LES, the outdoor classroom at Smarts Mill, a

pitching machine for the Tuscarora baseball team, and the Food Pantry through GiveChoose.

Our club also supports the LCC and new director, Paige Neeley, with summer camps and D. Fabboli's New Ag School to train young adults in agri-business. We also fund the local newsletter, *Lucketts News & Notes*, published twice yearly in the spring and fall; and support the LES PTA; Boy Scout Troop 1920, which has produced 68 Eagle Scouts; the JK Black Oak Wildlife Sanctuary; and nearby historical preservation projects. Pres, Logue noted that one of our members, Jay Frankenfield, has been appointed to the Board of the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy to support its conservation efforts. Hollie McTiernan has been selected to serve on the newly formed Loudoun Education Alliance of Families. This group advises LCPS school administration on programs and policies in our schools that impact local families.

Committee Updates

Environmental Committee: A program on Conservation Easements will be held on Aug. 31st at Barnhouse Brewery in collaboration with other environmental groups to provide information to local property owners about placing property in conservation easement.

Improvements are needed at Piscataway Park (previously known as Whites Ford Park). Barbara Scott and Eric Rubright recently met with Ben Bilko to discuss.

Another fall event is being planned at JK Black Oak Sanctuary. There will be an Open House at the Sanctuary on September 18th from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Club will have a Membership Table at this event.

Program-Meet our Scholarship and Citizenship Winners

Scholarship winners are Rachel Berson, introduced by Rich Cleland. Rachel graduated from Fusion H. S. and plans to go to Elon University in the Innovation program and to major in entrepreneurship.

Sofia Hardesty, introduced by Jim McKenzie. Sofia plans to go to UVA and to major in Biology and Spanish.

Lea Lesho, introduced by Mike Dunn. Lea plans to go to UVA and major in International Government.

James Rollison, introduced by Tom Small. James will go to the University of Mary Washington and major in Business and minor in Sports Management.

Natalie Sher, introduced by Steve Hillebrand. Natalie plans to go to Liberty University and major in Elementary Education, with a minor in Special Ed.

Pres, Logue introduced our Citizenship winners: Jack Barraco from Lucketts Elementary School, Nova Hill from Smarts Mill Middle School, and Njeri Jackson from Tuscarora High School.

Program was followed by a Celebration Cake, Congratulations to all our winners!

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm,

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

July 2022 – Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

The July BOD meeting was postponed from July 26, and held on August 4th at the home of Pres, Logue.

CTO: 7:00 pm

Attending: Dunn, Fauber, Hart, Logue, Menendez, Penaranda, Stanley

Minutes: Sec. Penaranda noted that June and July minutes are consolidated since the June membership meeting was the picnic and will be sent following approval. Minutes are available on the Ruritan Club website.

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley provided a financial report for July 2022, We had \$17,528.17 in our Truist checking account, \$150,686.12 in our Vanguard Scholarship account, \$133,894.05 in our Vanguard Fund account, \$114,753.60 in our General Fund, and \$29,998.50 in our Opportunity Fund, for an assets total of \$301,837.34. Don noted that our Vanguard accounts are now properly balanced and that our compactor service account bill is now almost straightened out. Scholarships have all been paid and have cleared.

Pres. Logue moved that we donate \$1K to Riverside Church to assist with the Faith Chapel Community Gathering Place project. Motion passed.

Committee Updates:

Rudy Youth: Cortney Heykoop will organize the effort this year, assisted by Karyn Price and Hollie McTiernan. The focus will be Smarts Mill. Karyn will report to the Membership at the August meeting.

Environment: B. Scott reports that the meeting with Ben Bilko from Temple Hall has shifted focus of the Committee's efforts to partner with Temple Hall rather than Piscataway Crossing.

Nominating Committee: J. McKenzie will lead the effort, and A. Menendez will join the group to assist, along with J. Adams and P. Gustafson.

Local History Committee: Loudoun Preservation Society awarded the Club the grant to hire the structural engineering firm to evaluate the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church building for the Friends group. The Club is accepting donations now to generate the matching funds. The donation button on our website is now functioning properly. We need to schedule our Potomac Marble contact for a community event at the LCC in the fall.

Seniors: P. Logue connected Michelle Rubright with Margaret Probst and Paige Neeley to organize the Stroke Awareness training this fall for the community at large.

Advocacy: Beth and Tim McClain are in Santa Fe, returning to Lucketts after Labor Day, They are 90% healed from their accident. Beth shared that E. Vaughn is being indicted by U. S, District Court for fraud in Texas; property concerns being ignored during this process. Pres. Logue attended meeting of the Villages of Loudoun on Aug. 2, which focused on organizing to work on Small Area Plans. This is a two-year process; Kershner's office is pushing for the Lucketts plan to be prioritized. Feedback from the group encouraged Lucketts to get the Volunteer Fire Co. to go through the Historic Preservation process with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR).

Finance Committee Report:

M. Dunn reported that Treasurer Stanley sent the Finance Committee members the Profit & Loss Budget Performance Report, dated July 20, 2022, with projected year end balances and a proposed 2023 Budget based on the logic used for 2022, that budget income would be about the same as budgeted 2022 with the exception that parking would generate \$10K vs. \$5K.

Expenses were adjusted to increase trash expense by 6%, parking expense to increase to 67% of parking income, newsletter cost to increase to \$6K, unallocated expenditure decreased to \$3K, coat drive expense increase to \$1,500, scholarship expense increase to \$26,500 to provide \$5K for trade school scholarships, and community and youth development grants combined into one grant program and increased to \$25K (\$5K of which is already conditionally approved to the New Ag School).

Comparison of Income and Expenses showed a deficit of \$38K. Meeting focused on resolution of this deficit.

The following recommendations were proposed by the Finance Committee for income:

1. Increase requested trash donation to \$7, effective Oct. 1, 2022, consistent with minimum charge at landfill. Expect to generate \$10K.
2. Implement plan to solicit donations from local businesses, with a goal of \$15,000.
3. Collect \$1,500 for coat drive at trash, membership meetings, and any other available location.
4. Include Give/Choose income in 2023 budget with a goal of \$10,000.
5. Use Opportunity Fund to resolve deficit at end of FY 2023.

The Committee proposed to decrease the unallocated Expense to \$2K and to decrease donations to \$5,100 by using the grant program.

The Board provided the following guidance for the Financial Committee:

1. The Opportunity Fund is not to be used to balance the budget.
2. Increase the requested trash donation to \$8.
3. Increase the goal of the planned solicitations to \$17,000.
4. Add an expense of \$2,000 for professional guidance for soliciting donations.
5. Add a \$500 donation to Smarts Mill PTA for Rudy Jr. support.

The Board stressed that the Finance Committee is to assess the budget quarterly and to recommend course corrections as needed during the quarterly meetings for recommendation to the Board.

The Board agreed that the Finance Committee needs to validate the budget quarterly to determine whether we are on track through the year. The Board has returned these suggestions through Mike and Don for the Finance Committee's consideration. The Finance Committee will meet before the August Board meeting so the Board can review and approve a Budget for presentation to Membership at the September Membership Meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee:

A. Menendez is setting up a meeting with consultant Dabney Kerr to discuss our Club's fund raising and revenue generating activities.

August and September Membership Meetings:

August meeting will be at Fabboli's; speaker will be Steve Torpy, Director of Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services. September meeting will be at Fabboli's; we will ask Sharon Virts to speak about her current book. This program is not yet confirmed.

General Updates

The Board discussed the possibility of holding future membership meetings at Faith Chapel. The Board discussed possible venues for the annual holiday party at Fabboli's or at Selma. Other venue suggestions are welcome.

Adjourned 9:04 p. m.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

