

October 2022 - General Meeting

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

This month's Membership meeting was held at Faith Chapel.

Attending: Adams, Dunn, Ewell, Fabboli, Falk, Fauber, Gustafson, Hart, Hillebrand, Johnson, Maruca B and F, McLain, Menendez A and M, Penaranda, Quitter, Rubright E and M, Scott, Small, Soles, Stanley

Vice President Mike Dunn led the meeting in Pres. Logue's absence.

Welcome: Guests: Miguel Cruz, Paige Neeley, Melissa Fye (new County Resource Officer), Gary Mears, Anne Marie Chirieleison (Executive Director, Loudoun Farm Museum).

Thanks to members Stanley, Maruca, McClain, Hillebrand, and Falk for contributing the dinner items. Convocation by J. Adams.

Minutes: Secretary summarized September minutes; minutes from earlier meetings are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley reported our accounts as of September. We had \$21,511.26 in our Truist checking account; \$132,832.01 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund and \$121,996.86 in our Vanguard General Opportunity Fund (General Fund \$93,620.39 and Opportunity Fund \$28,376.47), plus \$75 receipt of gift cards, for a total asset amount of \$276,415.13. Don noted that we have not yet seen a difference in trash receipts from our increase to an \$8 donation.

Program

Our speaker was Anne Marie Chirieleison, Executive Director of the Loudoun Farm Museum, a 501c3 organization housed on county property within the Claude Moore public park in Sterling, VA. The museum goal is to maintain the various artifacts donated by the public, such as LeGard tractors and the Jenkins arrowhead collection, and to preserve the agricultural history of Loudoun County. The museum features hands-on exhibits such as an artificial milking cow, pick-your-own berries, egg collection, and a one-room schoolhouse. Other exhibits include an interactive, non-electric Grandma's kitchen and the Waxpool General Store, a recreation of an 1890s store that was located near Ashburn and served as a local

polling place. The store exhibit also features account books and paper records from the period.

Museum projects include the recovery and refurbishment of the Nokes manure spreader, used by the Nokes farm head dairyman on the farm, now part of the Dulles Town Center. This endangered artifact is being repaired and reconstructed and will be ready for exhibit in 2023. Other ongoing projects include an educational garden, expanded space for the Jenkins arrowhead collection, development of a traveling arrowhead exhibit in partnership with the Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area group, and renovation of the Mt. Pleasant Church on Bald Hill Rd. and the adjacent Nova Parks property, a gift from the Symington family.

Prepandemic, the Farm Museum accommodated over 15,000 visitors; so far this year, they have seen over 10,000 visitors.

Business Meeting

Fellowship Report – D. Stanley

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held at Raspberry Falls Golf and Country Club on December 13, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Fellowship Fridays occur on the last Friday of each month at Faith Chapel at 6:30 pm and feature a potluck dinner, socializing, and games.

Grants Committee – T. Small, M. Dunn

The committee received a grant request for \$9K to repair the roof of Faith Chapel. We sent back a list of questions to the Riverside Church trustee, one of which is whether the National Presbytery could provide the additional needed \$9K required to complete the project.

Coat Drive Update – M. Dunn

Mary Dunn will manage the purchase and distribution of the 53 coats needed this year. We collected \$1,200 at trash this fall to fund the number of coats requested.

Parking – D. Fauber

We still need a few more volunteers for the Lucketts Antiques Fair October 14th-16th in Berryville. The Hamilton Club will also assist.

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

October 2022 – Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

The October BOD meeting was held on October 25th, at Faith Chapel.

CTO: 7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes: Sec. Penaranda summarized minutes from the October General Membership meeting. Minutes are available on the Ruritan Club website.

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley provided a financial report as of October 24th, 2022. We have \$27,320.18 in our Truist checking account; \$134,395.37 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund, \$94,674.26 in our Vanguard General Fund, and \$28,695.90 in our Vanguard Opportunity Fund, plus \$75.00 in gift cards, for a total asset amount of \$285,160.71. Don noted that trash collections are down by about \$1,500, due to bad weather; we received \$5K for parking at the Antiques Fair.

Updates

Coat Drive – M. Dunn

We have received a request to provide shoes in addition to coats. The Board discussed and rejected a suggestion to provide gift cards for the additional needs, but approved a requirement for the school to provide us with a list of the needed items.

Finance Committee-Annual Audit Meeting – P. Logue

The Board discussed when we should hold this annual meeting. Treasurer Stanley said that we need more information; he will confer with M. Dunn and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

Guest List, Annual Awards Banquet – P. Logue

The Board discussed how many additional guests to invite to the annual dinner, to be held on December 13th at Raspberry Falls Golf and Hunt Club. The Board agreed to limit the number of additional invited guests to Supervisor Kershner and the Ruritan zone governor and district representative.

Nominating Committee – A. Menendez

E. Rubright has agreed to serve as a club Director next year, to replace D. Fauber. If the committee can find another younger club member to serve as a Director, A. Menendez would step down.

Fund Raising Committee – A. Menendez and Website Updates to Support – P. Logue

AI reported that the committee is contacting potential donors to the club (business and individuals). Pat reported that we have updated our website to include a donation button via PayPal, designated as General or for Scholarships, which is live now. We are also including an About Us tab for donors and plan to put our 990 tax return on the tab for transparency. Other updates include adding a grant summary in timeline format. D. Stanley requested that we ask T. Small for a quarterly grant report, which was agreed to by the Board.

P. Hart will ask Hobby Lobby for a donation to Faith Chapel Church. He noted that Riverside Church has a coffee shop in Sterling on Ridgetop Circle Drive in an office building which is available for use as a meeting space, if needed.

Spring Event at Temple Hall – P. Logue

Pat announced a Spring event at Temple Hall in coordination with other county groups that will include a parade and other events. Temple Hall staff typically moves to other county parks after Halloween so staff is limited there until January. Manager Ben Bilko seeks a friends group to assist at Temple Hall as needs arise.

General Updates – P. Logue

Lucketts News & Notes will be out in early December. The focus of the issue is volunteerism in Lucketts. Pat asked the Board to think about how we can play a role in advertising various events at the school, Community Center, Temple Hall, and Faith Chapel and in recruiting volunteers.

Fellowship Friday potluck is held on the last Tuesday of the month at Faith Chapel.

James Prince is a prospective new club member.

Small Area Plan next steps include a local meeting of interested citizens to discuss issues. B. McLain will be a key participant from our club.

Supervisors are looking at high impact, low-cost safety improvements to Rt. 15 that can be made soon. Club needs to remain attentive to this process.

Pat met with Chair Randall and Muriel Sarmadi to discuss the impact of the Rt. 15 four-lane plan on her businesses. No commitment was obtained by Randall on any specific action. We promoted bringing transit buses to Lucketts, which Randall and Kershner both initially agreed was a good idea.

Adjourned 7:57 p.m.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

