

## May 2023 - General Meeting

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

**This month's Membership meeting was held at Fabboli Cellars.**

**Attending:** Adams, Baker, Bond, Cleland, Dunn, Fabboli, Falk, Gagnon, Gustafson, Hart, Logue, Maruca B and F, McKenzie, Moffett, Penaranda, Quitter, Roques B and D, Rubright E and M, Ruth, Scott, Stanley, Tassi

**Welcome:** Guests: Ian McDougal, Tyler and Kate Lawler, Holly Heider Chapple, Susan Lee, Suzanne Eblen, Greg Durham, Ashley DeWitt, Theresa McKenzie, Paige Neeley

Invocation by J. Adams

**Minutes:** Secretary summarized minutes from April 2023. Minutes from earlier meetings are posted on our website.

**Treasurer's Report:** D. Stanley reported our accounts as of the end of April. We had \$49,910.79 in our Truist checking account; \$146,433.74 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund and \$134,019.10 in our Vanguard General Opportunity Fund (General Fund \$102,846.26 and Opportunity Fund \$31,172.84), plus \$75 receipt of gift cards, for a total asset amount of \$330,438.63. Don noted that we are now a little more than halfway through our yearly budget and clicking along at about \$1,700 a week for the last four weeks or so. We are maintaining good balances in all of our accounts. Membership dues are on track. Don filed our taxes for the year, which have been accepted by the IRS.

### Program

Our program speaker was Ian McDougall, representing the Virginia Piedmont Heritage Association, who spoke on the activities of this group. Ian told us that the organization focuses on the core original Mosby Heritage area that covers Loudoun and Fauquier counties and parts of Warren, Clark, and Prince William counties, with headquarters on Rt. 50. The group's three staff members in three divisions work with local, state, and county organizations on preservation issues and projects (core mission) and conduct living history presentations to schools and adult groups. The group sponsored a Lucketts trail ride and hike last year and focused county attention on Rt. 15 widening issues, bringing Lucketts views to the attention of county planners and supervisors. The

group is also working on additional presentations featuring Native American, Revolutionary War, and Civil War history. They are interested in working with our club on various projects, one of which is a history fair to be held on July 16, from 2-5 p.m. at the LCC.

### Calendar Updates – P. Logue

May 15<sup>th</sup> - Final Rudy Jr. Meeting at Smarts Mill

May 19, 20, and 21 - Spring Market

May 23 - Board Meeting

June 2 – Tribute to Carolyn Clement

June 24 – Zone Picnic at the Sterling Ruritan Club

### Business Collaborative Update – D. Fabboli, S. Eblen

The collaborative is being revitalized. More information to follow.

### Grants Committee Report – B. Scott

Three grants have been approved to date: one to fund a slide for LES grades 1-5; one for classroom furniture for special needs students; and one for a software program in simplified writing for grades 3-5. The committee is discussing a grant to Hunters for the Hungry to defray some of their processing costs. This group supplied 900 lbs. of venison last year to the Food Bank. The committee is also discussing a grant to Faith Chapel to fund summer camp programs in dance, music, and art.

### Environment Committee Update – B. Scott

In early April, the Rudy Jr. Club worked with Loudoun Soil and Water to mark storm water drains that handled stormwater runoff at Smarts Mill Middle School. Plans are to mark storm drains at Frances Hazel Reid School in the fall.

At the end of April, the Academies of Loudoun presented several environmental projects and exhibits at the annual SEAS expo and plan to be a SEAS sponsor next year. The school is a two-track high school, with a STEM track and another track for skills such as culinary arts, vet tech, automotive, cosmetology, and others. The group is also advocating a "no mow May" initiative to support pollinators in the county.

This committee also sponsored exhibits of environmental projects at SEAS and on Heritage Day on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at LCC.

**Scholarship Committee Update – R. Cleland**

Fourteen applications are in process for evaluation by the Point of Rocks Club.

**Citizenship Committee Update – C. Bond**

Two projects are ongoing: to display flags and bunting for upcoming federal holidays of Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup>; and to send letters to schools requesting nominations for student citizenship awards.

**Announcements – P. Logue**

1. We will again sponsor a Meet the Candidates Forum in October to provide an opportunity for Lucketts residents to get to know the candidates and their slates for the upcoming fall elections for state positions, Board of Supervisors, School Board, and other roles. M. Johnson will lead this effort; the Hillsboro Ruritan Club has offered to assist.
2. Paige Neeley, LCC Director, announced some of the summer program offerings, which include exercise classes, yoga, bus trips, summer camps, and an 80s fun run on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Email the Center at Loudoun.gov to get on the Center email listing.

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary*

**May 2023 – Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**

**The May BOD meeting was held at Faith Chapel.**

CTO: 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:** Dunn, Hart, Logue, Menendez, Penaranda, Rubright E, Small, Stanley

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

**Treasurer's Report:** D. Stanley provided a financial report as of May, 2023. We have \$46,734.75 in our Truist checking account; \$144,955.23 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund and \$132,865.00 in our Vanguard General Opportunity Fund (General Fund \$101,830.63 and Opportunity Fund \$30,256.76), plus \$75 receipt of gift cards, for

a total asset amount of \$324,460.61. Don noted: trash collection has been in the \$1,700 range the last couple of weeks, but is still under budget; Vanguard accounts are steady; Don paid out monies for three grants; we have received \$4,700 in donations so far this year; he paid the \$500 memorial for Tom Benfield proposed by J. Adams; and he filed our tax forms for the year, which have been IRS-approved.

Don conducted a budget review, which showed revenue from trash as expected, about \$85K to date; donations received \$7K to date, with \$17K budgeted, and expected receipt of \$5K from Leesburg Moose Lodge and \$10K from GiveChoose. Expected budget surplus of \$3,600. He noted that we need someone to manage trade school grants—P. Hart will look for trade school applicants. Regarding the General and Opportunity Fund, Don is not in favor of breaking up the General Fund as we have been doing. A. Menendez suggested that we ask the membership for ideas on how to use the Opportunity Fund.

**Updates/Committee Reports****Finance Committee – M. Dunn**

The committee is finalizing next year's budget and will submit it first to the Board and then to the membership for approval.

**Troop 1910 Ad Hoc Committee – P. Logue**

D. Fabboli has asked the Board to review/audit the troop's finances in preparation for the required annual rechartering of the troop. Our club is responsible for this action, as we are the troop sponsor. As sponsor, we are also responsible for selecting appropriate leaders, signing any applicable documents, and providing general liability insurance. This is the troop's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Current treasurer Kay Quitter is stepping down and the troop is looking for someone to serve as Treasurer. J. McKenzie, M. Dunn, J. Ruth, and D. Stanley will review the troop records and assist in the transition to a new treasurer, when identified. We also need a new representative to serve as liaison between the troop and our club.

**Club Website, LN&N, Facebook – P. Logue**

Our Scholarship and Grants Committees maintain an email account on our website, but we need

someone to maintain email addresses on the site and we need additional storage capability. Pat noted that Google offers free storage for non-profit organizations, which she will look into. Although we updated our calendar functionality on the website, it is not operating properly and needs review and tweaking, as necessary. Pat proposed that we also include events at Faith Chapel and LCC on our calendar on our website for better communication to the community.

For LN&N, printing charges are by the page; we need to determine how many pages per year we can afford or want to pay for. We can get other bids for design and layout in increments of four pages; we can include ads in the newsletter; or, we can ask local businesses to sponsor the newsletter and include in kind sponsor information in each issue.

#### **Scholarship Updates – P. Logue**

We awarded seven scholarships, some to students going to a four-year college and some to students going to a two-year community college, trade school, or certification program. We also awarded three citizenship awards to students at each of the three schools in our jurisdiction. We plan to invite all scholarship winners and their families to our July meeting at Faith Chapel to acknowledge their achievements and to provide an opportunity for the club to meet the recipients in person.

#### **Membership Update – P. Logue**

Pat noted that we have two potential new members, Jon Mike Richards and Esdras Pineda. If they attend our next meeting, we can present them to the membership to be voted in.

#### **Firehouse Move of Club Records – A. Menendez**

The Board approved a proposed rental agreement with the volunteer owners for storage of our club records in a dedicated room at the old firehouse. The Board also approved payment of \$20/hr. to Esdras Pinedas to move our records from Faith Chapel and a few other locations to the new location at the firehouse.

#### **History Fair – P. Logue**

We will use SignUp Genius to organize volunteers to staff the upcoming History Fair at LCC in July. P. Gustafson and J. Ruth will set up a slide-based oral history presentation to run continuously during the event.

#### **Candidate Forum – P. Logue**

Pat noted that our Lucketts jurisdiction has been split into two precincts; we need to make sure that we notify all Lucketts residents about our forum. Mike Johnson will organize this initiative.

#### **Miscellaneous**

B. Scott is researching the establishment of a community garden at the old firehouse. Our club could share responsibility with the county, but we need to work out the issue of ongoing maintenance. Riverside also wants a community garden behind the manse to provide food for the food pantry.

Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

