

November 2023 - General Meeting

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

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. CTO: 7:35 PM

Attending: Adams, Bond, Cleland, Dunn, Fabboli, Falk, Fye, Gagnon, Gustafson, Hart, Hillebrand, Johnson, Kohler, Logue, Maruca B and F, McKenzie, McLain, Menendez A, Penaranda, Quitter, Roques B and D, Richards, Ruth, Small, Stanley

Welcome: No guests

Again this month, we did not have a scheduled program speaker, but focused on club business.

Business Meeting

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

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley reported our accounts as of October 31st. We had \$40,024.58 in our Truist checking account; \$143,834.28 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund, and \$131,474.44 in our Vanguard General Opportunity Fund (General Fund \$100,893.49 and Opportunity Fund \$30,580.95), for a total asset amount of \$315,333.30. Don noted that trash receipts were low in October, but have rebounded; of the \$5K in parking receipts from the Antiques Fair parking, our take was \$1,600; and our checking account balance continues to be stable.

Finance Committee Report – M. Dunn

M. Dunn stated that since our Opportunity Fund now totals more than \$30K, we need to start to fund some community projects. Because we currently have no way to access these funds, the committee has developed a simple form to use to apply for these monies. The form will be posted on our website and in .pdf form and sent to all club members (only club members can apply for these funds). An example project could be improving the lighting around the Faith Chapel parking lot.

Pres. Logue summarized our club's financial position, noting that we have invested over \$200K

and volunteered over 4,943 hours in our community (volunteer hours were provided by our committee heads). The Boy Scouts alone provided 2,201 volunteer hours from five people.

Troop 1910 Update– P. Logue

Pres. Logue reported that our club has been the chartering organization for the troop for 30 years. This troop has produced many Eagle Scouts, an achievement about which we can all be very proud! Because Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has experienced litigation and bankruptcy at the national level, the roles and responsibilities of the chartering organizations have changed, including increased youth protection provisions in the insurance coverage. Because the troop uses the club's tax EIN for their checking account, BSA views the troop as an extension of the Ruritan Club, and therefore, owner of the troop's assets. As a result of these changes, our Board needed to confirm our responsibilities as a chartering organization and the procedure for re-chartering; we consulted with the BSA representative from the Goose Creek district, with the treasurer of a church that had previously chartered a troop, and with a lawyer to understand and confirm our responsibilities to the troop, to BSA, and to our community.

Going forward, club members are invited to attend and to participate in troop meetings and events and troop leaders to Ruritan Club meetings. D. Fabboli serves as the liaison between the club and the troop.

Power Line Project – J. Adams

J. Adams reported that the Piedmont Environmental Council has posted a report on the PEC website that shows the planned route and affected areas for the extension of new power lines from Maryland to Leesburg to feed the power needs of the current and future planned data centers. The current route goes through Waterford, west Lovettsville, and on into Maryland. (See October Minutes for additional information about this power line initiative and resulting community responses).

Announcements

1. Awards Banquet December 12th at 6:30 at Raspberry Falls. Cash bar.
3. Amanda Vila announced a five-concert series at Faith Chapel in 2024. Also hosting Christ Church activities during renovations of their church building. Other programs include Odyssey of the Mind, other concerts, violin classes, art workshops.
4. P. Neeley of LCC announced that pickleball is now available at the Center at 6-8 indoor courts. Drop-ins welcome. LCC is also partnering with the library to issue library cards through a vending machine. LCC is also offering video game machines and a ping pong table.

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

November 2023 Board of Directors Meeting

CTO: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Dunn, Hart, Logue, Menendez, Penaranda, Rubright, Ruth, Stanley

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

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley provided a financial report as of November 27, 2023. We have \$38,715.18 in our Truist checking account; \$154,211.77 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund, and \$140,736.09 in our Vanguard General Opportunity Fund (General Fund \$108,000.88 and Opportunity Fund \$32,735.21), for a total asset amount of \$333,663.04. Don reported that our Vanguard accounts are up \$20K. Trash is on budget. We delivered 42 coats to LES and are \$800 under budget.

Update on Troop 1910 – P. Logue

To close our financial and administrative review, P. Logue will update and finalize the MOU of 11/27/23 between the club and the troop, send the MOU to file, and finalize the status of our

insurance certificate. We have also reviewed the roles of the club's Chartering Organization representatives and liaisons and future interactions with the troop Committee Chair.

The Board passed the following three motions to close the Troop 1910 Review:

1. To approve the MOU with the Committee Chair, Charter Organization Representative, and club Vice President
2. To approve the Board Memorandum of November 28th outlining the Board's efforts and actions to complete the inspection of the troop's financial records
3. To approve the club President and Treasurer to sign the MOU and other BSA documents related to the Troop 1910 recharter process (including payment of the Chartering Organization Fee of \$100 to Troop 1910).

Moving Files Storage to Fire Station – P. Logue

The room at the Fire Station is still available for our use to store documents and records. The Board approved the draft agreement on the use of the second floor storage room at 42367 Lucketts Road. Items included use of the room only for records storage and not for club meetings; provision of freestanding shelving, a folding table, and folding chairs; initial move of records to the building to be conducted by individuals hired by the LRC; LRC provision of a Certificate of Insurance to the Fire Company; establishment of a no smoking/no pets policy in the room; member responsibility for their own safety when using the room; right of either party to cancel this Agreement with 30-day notice.

Board Support for Jon-Mike Richards to Promote Youth and Adult Sports Activities in Lucketts – P. Logue

The Board approved this initiative and pledged assistance in requesting Opportunity Funds for specific projects.

PEC Meeting in Hillsboro – P. Logue

The purpose of this meeting on Thursday is to discuss the power line issue.

Adjourned 8:00 p.m.

