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The June General Membership Meeting is our annual picnic. This year, we held the picnic at Hope Flower Farm on Stumptown Rd in Lucketts.

June 2024 – Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes

As the Secretary was out of town during this Board meeting, minutes were taken by Pat Logue:

Meeting called to order by M. Dunn at 6:30 pm.

Present: M. Dunn, D. Stanely, P. Logue, E. Rubright, D. Roques

Absent: J. Ruth, W. Kibler, L. Penaranda

Treasurers Report

Don Stanley Provided the Treasurer’s Report

Balance Sheet Items

- Separate Fund has been established in Vanguard for the Opportunity Fund
- \$67,500 in the Truist Account in anticipation of Scholarship payouts and grants awarded (Faith Chapel)

P&L Items

- No significant transactions in or out

Budget Items

- Trash will not make projected income goal
- Donations are tracking on target considering the overage that Give Choose produced
- Several large areas of expense (website and trade scholarships) offset the shortfall anticipated from Trash.
- Opportunity fund has relieved pressure on “unanticipated” projects

No report from the Finance Committee, but 2025 FY Budget process begins in July.

Citizenship Award

There was significant discussion on the Tuscarora Citizenship Award, which was not presented this year because the school did not nominate a winner. M. Dunn will draft a letter to the Tuscarora Principal and circulate it to the Board for comment before sending. The goals of the Citizenship Award were discussed (all school levels) but ideas

will be communicated to Craig Bond for further discussion and recommendation from the Citizenship and Patriotism Committee.

Membership Committee

Youssef Gergis has expressed interest in becoming a club member and has attended two meetings. We expect to vote him in at the July meeting.

July Membership Meeting

Membership meeting will be held at the Community Center, and the Scholarship families will attend. We plan a larger dinner from Roots. The Scholarship Committee is taking responsibility for the set-up and program. Committee may need help with meal set-up and clean-up.

July Membership Meeting

This month’s Membership meeting was held at the Lucketts Community Center in the auditorium. The focus of this meeting was to honor our scholarship winners.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. CTO: 7:30 PM

Attending: Adams, Bond, Cleland, Dunn, Fabboli, Gagnon, Gustafson, Hart, Heykoop, Logue, Maruca B and F, Penaranda, Quitter, Roques B and D, Rubright E and M, Small, Stanley, Wilt

Welcome: Guests: Scholarship winners: Claire Gibson, Elena Brunton, William Anderson, Summer Schwedes. Other guests: Youssef Gergis, Paige Neeley, Melanie Gibson, Paul Gibson
Pres. Dunn welcomed our scholarship winners and their families. He began the meeting by introducing several of the firefighters from Co. 10 who briefed us on the major changes that have occurred recently at the Department.

Co. 10 Firefighters

This company has been in existence since 1960 and involved with our club as liaison since 1987. Currently, the company has two new operations personnel and several administrative members who support the new services unit, which consists of a

truck equipped with a high level canteen that logistically supports the community at fire locations, a 24 ft., air-conditioned trailer, and a donated UTV with a skid unit for EMS services. The men said that they are looking for volunteers to staff this unit at fires. The company will display the unit at the Waterford and Loudoun County fairs this summer and fall.

The firefighters explained that their old firehouse is being renovated and their membership is growing. They meet the second Wednesday of the month and want to continue their relationship with the Ruritans. For more information, go to the Lucketts Volunteer Fire organization website, where you can read about the process to volunteer. If you volunteer, you become eligible for a break on your personal property tax for your vehicle.

Program

Our program featured our scholarship winners for this year. Of six winners, four attended this club meeting where we acknowledged their achievements. Each student introduced him or herself and briefly told what college they planned to attend and their intended major subject area.

- William Anderson plans to attend UVA and graduate school to study architecture
- Elena Brunton, a founding member of the Rudy Jrs, will attend the University of Mary Washington to study international relations
- Claire Gibson, intends to major in History and to pursue a joint degree program at William and Mary and St. Andrews University in Scotland
- Summer Schwedes, a graduate of the Loudoun Academy of Sciences, will go to the University of South Carolina and will study economics and occupational therapy

The two other winners who could not be present at our meeting are Mason Raborg, college undecided, who plans to major in physical education, and Andrew Chandler, who plans to attend Virginia Tech and to become a Marine Corps officer.

All of the graduates stated that their primary goal was to be of use. Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners and to their proud and supportive parents!

Business Meeting

Minutes: Secretary summarized minutes from May 2024, noting that we do not have minutes for June, since that month is our annual picnic. Minutes from earlier meetings are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley reported our accounts as of June 30th, 2024. We had \$66,496.02 in our Truist checking account; \$177,040.78 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund, and \$145,410.68 in our Vanguard General and Opportunity Fund (General Fund \$124,398.84 and Opportunity Fund \$21,884.31), for a total asset amount of \$410,652.34 from these accounts. Assets in the Boy Scout Troop 1910 account are \$21,704.86, for total assets of \$410,652.34. Don reported that we have now set up three separate Vanguard accounts that separately track our Vanguard, Opportunity, and General funds.

Finance Committee Report – D. Stanley

The committee has placed our Financial Overview document on our website, which, Don noted, has not been updated since 2019. He reported that Peter Baker will take the lead in reviewing and updating our investment policy; we have completed the distributions into our now separate three Scholarship, General, and Opportunity funds; and the committee is working on next year's budget for publication by October 1.

Boy Scouts – D. Fabbioni

The troop will travel to Florida to participate in the high adventure Sea Base outing in long canoes and will camp for a week. He reported that two scouts have finished their Eagle requirements.

Announcements

1. Paige Neeley of LCC announced the establishment of a teen lounge program, to begin in August. The program will be supervised.
2. Courtney Heykoop reported that the Ark of Loudoun program, funded by the Paxton Trust, is in danger of losing its lease. This program serves adults and children with neurodiverse conditions and disabilities with various individualized therapies.

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary

July 2024 Board of Directors Meeting

CTO: 6:30 p.m.

Attending: Dunn, Fabboli, Kibler, Penaranda, Roques, Rubright, Small, Stanley

Minutes: Sec. Penaranda summarized the May and July General Membership meetings and noted no minutes for June because of the picnic.

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley provided a financial report as of June 30th, 2024. We have \$42,701.34 in our Truist checking account; \$177,353.76 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund, and \$123,047.94 in our Vanguard General and Opportunity Fund (General Fund \$123,047.94 and Opportunity Fund \$22,109.00), for a total asset amount of \$365,212.04. Troop 1920 assets are \$21,704.86, for total club assets of \$386,916.90.

Don reported as follows: We have now settled all scholarships, paid our D&O insurance premium, and received reimbursement from Christ Church for the Strawberry Festival. He recommended that we identify guests for our annual picnic earlier so that we can budget now for picnic expenses for next year. The Finance Committee conducted a budget review and determined that our budget this year was mostly balanced, with some areas up and others down. A few committees (Environment, trade schools) have left some funds on the table.

J. Ruth made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee to take the distributions from our General and Scholarship accounts (Gen: \$6,506.29; Schol: \$8,867.93). Don noted that we can put some of this in CDs. Motion was approved.

J. Ruth stated that the committee could use BOD assistance in determining how to spend some of our funds. She noted that our website needs redesign and reorganization and should include yearly updates. She noted that the Finance

Committee is doing an excellent job but we need to share responsibilities among more people and more committees.

Other comments: We need to identify committee chairs for next year, encourage people to note their volunteer hours for our reporting,

Financial Overview Policy: This policy is a compilation of old and new policies, new funds, and the Boy Scout finances. The Finance Committee has approved the policy and J. Ruth's motion that the BOD also approve was passed. We will also ask for membership approval to maintain transparency.

Investment Policy: Our investment policy has been approved by the Finance Committee. J. Ruth made a motion that the BOD also approve this policy, which passed.

Membership Committee – M. Dunn

P. Logue was not present at this BOD meeting, but had submitted a report. She recommended an increase in membership dues to offset the increased dues of Ruritan National. After discussion, the Board determined that an increase in dues is not warranted at this time.

Miscellaneous

D. Stanley noted that Ruritan National has also sent guidelines for scholarships, to double the number and amounts of scholarships. The Board voted against increasing our scholarship amounts at this time, noting that our scholarships already exceed most of those awarded by other area clubs.

Adjourned 7:35 p.m.