

## **The September 2024 - General Meeting**

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

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

Attending: Adams, Bond, Dunn, Fabboli, Gustafson, Hart, Kibler, Kohler, Logue, McKenzie, Menendez A, Penaranda, Roques D, Scott, Stanley, Tassi, Wilt

Welcome: Guests: The Hon. Joe May

### **Program**

Our speaker was Joe May, owner of Electronic Instrumentation and Technology (EIT), 2.0, LLC. Joe purchased the facility on Rt. 15, previously Skills, USA, which is now the EIT headquarters. Joe founded EIT 47 years ago and has had most of the same employees for 45 years. Joe was raised on a farm in the Shenandoah valley, located on a road on which General Custer fought an action during the Civil War. An electrical engineer by trade, Joe joined the Army and was sent to Cape Canaveral as part of the missile firing team. He eventually graduated from VA Tech and worked at DuPont, where he received several patents for his work, then went back and forth between New York City and Northern Virginia as a consultant and technical subject matter expert on instrument design and radon gas exposure. He grew EIT to a \$60M company, but as offshore competition grew, he sold the manufacturing side of his business to a German firm and retained the technology and development side. To date, Joe has 28 patents, many of which are for instruments and measuring devices that are still used today, such as those for measuring/controlling ultraviolet radiation. He noted that in recent years, he has faced the problem of the counterfeiting of his instrumentation by the Chinese. He has grown his company and now also uses engineers from India.

Note an upcoming article about Joe May in the Fall 2024 issue of Lucketts News & Notes.

### **Business Meeting**

Minutes: Secretary summarized minutes from August 2024. Minutes from earlier meetings are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley reported our accounts as of August 31, 2024. We had \$9,130.17 in our Truist checking account; \$40,014.43 in our new Truist Money Market account, \$182,559.59 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund, \$121,105.97 in our Vanguard General Fund, and \$22,219.65 in our Vanguard Opportunity Fund for a total asset amount of \$375,029.81 from these accounts. Assets in the Boy Scout Troop 1910 account are \$20,606.65, for total assets of \$395,636.46. Don reported that we have placed some of these funds in CDs at 4.5% interest.

### **2025 Budget – D. Stanley**

Don Stanley reported that the Finance Committee approved the 2025 budget, which is similar to the 2024 budget, with only slight changes to a few line items. We awarded \$25K to \$30K in grants and all Scholarship funds. He noted that Faith Chapel has now learned to use our grant program, and we expect some applications in the coming year for various projects. Pres. Dunn moved to approve the 2025 budget by the membership; motion was approved and passed.

### **Environment Committee Report – B. Scott/C. Kohler**

Barbara Scott and Cindy Kohler reported on several ongoing projects by the committee. We will continue to collect natural corks (not the ones made from a composite material); we need about 200 more to meet the quota, which we hope to obtain from nearby wineries. We will continue the used sneaker drive through September with a collection bin at trash on Saturdays. We are partnering with Loudoun Beautiful on this project to repurpose donated sneakers. Barbara reported on the status of Mrs. Lucketts Garden at the LCC. Faith Chapel has donated a bench, and Dulles Landscaping has completed the cleanup and new planting along the clear area of the Old Carolina Rd. The next to-do item to complete this project is to apply for appropriate historical signage, which we plan to do through a grant from the Heritage Foundation.

**Boy Scout Report – D. Fabboli**

Doug reported that the new committee chair is transitioning into the position and that the new Scout Master, Mark Witt, is doing very well since he has come onboard. Leaders are continuing to recruit parents to provide additional leadership. The troop plans another mulch sale this fall as a fundraiser.

**Announcements**

Amanda Vela distributed a flyer that presented events to be held at Faith Chapel through the rest of the year.

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

*Submitted by Elizabeth Penaranda, Secretary*

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## **September 2024 – Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**

Present: Dunn, Kibler, Logue, Rubright, Ruth, Stanley, Penaranda

**Announcements/Issues – M. Dunn**

- Christ Church will sponsor and host a craft festival and bonfire on the first Saturday in November. All are welcome.
- A jazz musical program is scheduled for October 28 at Faith Chapel.
- The Loudoun County Farm Tour is scheduled for the weekend of October 5-7. Ruritans are sponsoring 5-7 farms with activities and prizes.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes: Secretary summarized minutes from June/July 2024, noting that the membership approved the submitted 2025 budget at this month's General Membership meeting. Minutes from earlier meetings are posted on our website.

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer's Report: D. Stanley reported our accounts as of September 20, 2024. We had \$11,342.98 in our Truist checking account; \$40,014.43 in our Truist Money Market account, for a total of 51,357.41 in the Truist accounts. We have \$184,061.32 in our Vanguard Scholarship Fund, \$122,741.82 in our Vanguard General Fund, and \$22,226.39 in our Opportunity Fund, for a total investment amount of \$329,029.53. Assets in the Boy Scout Troop 1910 account are \$20,606.65, for total assets of \$400,993.59.

Don noted that we have one more trash cycle in the year, for an estimated final total of \$86K in trash income. He also noted that member C. Kohler documents her volunteer hours to her company, for which she received a \$300 award, which she has donated to the club. Thank you, Cindy!

**Finance Committee Report – J. Ruth**

J. Ruth announced that she is resigning her position as Vice President and Board member at the end of the year, due to her increased scheduling and travel demands. She thanked the BOD for its support, and the BOD thanked Jodi for her successful work on the GiveChoose campaign this year. We wish Jodi well, and hope she can attend our General Membership meetings!

**New Girl Scout Troop in Lucketts – M. Dunn**

A new Girl Scout Troop is being formed in Lucketts as Troop 70130. We have no further information, so the BOD will ask Dan Roques to investigate and report back to the BOD.

**Report on Boy Scouts – P. Logue**

P. Logue reported that Mark Witt is the new Scout Master. The group held a recent planning meeting about outings in the coming year. The troop has decided to conduct another mulch sale this year, but not to do a yard sale in the spring. This decision was apparently based on declining attendance at the yard sale and the receipt of fewer donations.

## **New Business**

### **Assistant Roles**

Pres. Dunn raised the issue of establishing two new roles, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. Both of these positions require significant time and effort each month, and he noted that as a volunteer organization, often the tasks and responsibilities of these positions can be time-consuming and somewhat burdensome. His suggestion was to ask members of the club to serve as assistants, not Board members, but to attend Board meetings as ad hoc members to become knowledgeable about ongoing club business.

The assistant to the Treasurer would perform duties to help the Treasurer conduct research into relevant issues and to prepare financial reports and documents. The assistant to the Secretary would compile documents summarizing information such as motions passed, relevant lists of committee responsibilities and activities, and other appropriate items. He noted that the Nominating Committee was scheduled to meet on Oct. 4 and could address this idea then.

### **Hospitality Committee**

Pres. Dunn announced that he was considering hiring someone to set up and tear down the chairs and tables for our meetings at Faith Chapel, as this job is becoming burdensome to the few members who now do this task. P. Logue moved that the club should pay Riverside Church \$50/hour (funds would go to Faith Chapel); motion was approved and passed.

## **Scheduling Software – P. Logue**

Pat suggested that we purchase and use a software scheduling program to manage our trash schedule, as our current system is not working well and is requiring the club coordinator to take on additional tasks to manage the schedule. The software she recommended does not rely on human maintenance, and the cost would be about \$40-\$60 a month. The program would manage a quarterly trash schedule and require or recommend a substitute immediately. She moved to subscribe to and fund such a program; motion was approved and passed.

### **November/December Membership Meetings**

The November membership meeting will honor the food pantry volunteers. We expect up to 60 people to attend this meeting.

The Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday, December 3, at Raspberry Falls.

Adjourned 8:30 pm