

Metro Board of Directors Meeting 2/7/23

PRESENT: Bosco Thurer, Laurel Shoemaker, Arlene Rosenthal, Linda Masten, Jamie Benatti, Nancy Forberg

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

MINUTES:

Motion made by Linda, seconded by Bosco to approve the minutes from December 2022 meeting. Passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion made by Linda, seconded by Bosco to approve the Financial Report. Passed unanimously.

Starting Balance: \$5236.70

Additions: \$655 (memberships)

Debits: 195.39 (reimbursement for GoDaddy acct)

Ending Balance: 5696.31

We are still searching for a treasurer. One member reached out to Bosco with interest. Laurel will follow-up with a personal phone call.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Motion made by Linda, seconded by Bosco to accept the membership report. Arlene reports that 102 people have joined or renewed membership to date. Discussion regarding how to stimulate more people to join/renew as well as when the cut-off date will be. It was decided that we would wait until we get confirmation on a JB concert date before announcing a cut-off.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:

Arlene 13

Bosco 16

Laurel 5

Nancy 5

Jamie 4

Linda 4

EVENTS:

- Wreath Clean-up: 6 members went to the cemetery, however the wreaths were already picked up by other volunteers. The group did a little socializing before heading home. We should aim for an earlier start time next year.
- February Happy Hour: 2/18/23 at Carneys, Amityville. It is a food drive, and the charity is Long Island Cares. 112 food items have been donated so far on the website. We will also

have raffle baskets, 50/50 and there will be live music. Info has been posted in the Banana Wind as well as on FB page.

- St. Patrick's Pub Crawl- 3/11/23 Farmingdale . Bosco and Jamie are working on a list on pubs to crawl to. Bosco will make flyer once this info is available.
- April Happy Hour 4/15/23 Bayport Tavern, Bayport. Will be a collection of "dignity" items for Mercy Homeless Shelters . Member Elizabeth Byrne will co-chair with Linda. Music by Big Revival Band.
- Open Meeting 5/20/23 Place TBA

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY:

Bosco looked into using Survey Monkey and asked board members to send a list of questions to him this week. It can be a combo of multiple choice and open -ended questions, with option to be anonymous or add name. It will go out by email, not in Banana Wind or on FB.

PHIP: is offering clubs free website management if they link their pages to the PHIP page. We could save approx. \$200 for the GoDaddy fees and \$150 on the security package. We need more info and Bosco suggests waiting a year to see how it goes. All agreed.

METRO FACEBOOK PAGE:

John Brown and Joe Lombardi are the moderators and Laurel was just added as a moderator by John Brown so now all three can approve posts. Laurel would like to know the guidelines as to how the approval process works.

FAMILY PICNIC: It was suggested that we move this event to September and have a Beach Bash instead. A date of 9/23/23 was agreed on and Jamie will look into various venues/packages. Nancy will contact Sunny Jim to let him know that the dates he is available do not work with our events but the club will be happy to promote any local dates he is able to book in the area.

ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE SHOW: Linda requested we change the date as it conflicts with another Trop Rock event in PA. A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Bosco to change the date from 7/28 to 7/21. Passed unanimously. Linda will be the ticket liaison for this event and will ask for payment by check only with a SASE sent to her. Collection will be 4/4/23-5/31/23.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Linda suggested Axe Throwing in Selden as a new event. She will look into dates.
- Laurel suggested ordering Metro pins to be handed out to members who attend events. A motion was made by Jamie, seconded by Nancy to purchase 100 pins at a cost of approx. \$60. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting 3/14/23

Motion made by Nancy, seconded by Bosco to adjourn meeting at 8:34 pm. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Nancy Forberg, METRO BOD secretary