

Metro Board of Directors Meeting: September 12, 2023

Present: Bosco Thurer, Laurel Shoemaker, Jamie Benatti, Susan Scalise, Arlene Rosenthal, Elizabeth Byrne, Nancy Forberg

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

-Motion made by Laurel, seconded by Jamie to accept minutes from August meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

-Motion made by Nancy, seconded by Laurel to accept financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

-Motion made by Nancy, seconded by Bosco to accept membership report. Motion passed unanimously. Arlene reports 12 new members and renewals since JB's passing. We are up to 183 members.

- Community Service hours: Bosco 15; Jamie 8; Laurel 3.5; Susan 4; Arlene 5; Liz 3, Nancy 5

Club event Recap:

-August HH : 35 members attended the Barometer Soup concert in Wantagh Park. We debuted our new flag and everyone had a good time.

- NYC Happy hour- Terri would like to move it to a different bar in the Margaritaville Hotel. She has a table flag now so people can easily find her.

-UCP Festival of Trees – has been cancelled again this year, and probably for good. Although they would accept a decorated tree in the community, it was decided not to participate this year and to focus our fundraising efforts on other local charities. Nancy will stay in touch with them regarding future fundraising and may look into another group that holds a tree festival on the East end for next year.

Beach Bash update:

52 adults and 2 children have purchased tickets to date. Jamie met with the manager to finalize details. They will provide leis and wristbands. They will provide power for our inflatable decorations. Nancy and Laurel purchased tablecloths and Nancy will bring bowls for snacks. Jamie will purchase snacks and a sheet cake. Other board members will bring desserts to share and Liz will bring forks and plates for cake. All board members are asked to be there by 3:30 to set up. Nancy composed an invitation to be emailed to the membership in case they are not reading the BW. We will have a 50/50 for Alzheimer's Association.

-Memorial Bench

A motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Laurel to begin the process of purchasing a bench to be placed in a park in Sag Harbor near JB's house. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jamie, seconded by Susan for the club to pay for the bench followed by a future event that will allow members to contribute to the cost. Motion passed unanimously. First line will likely say "In memory of Jimmy Buffett 1946-2023". The last line will say "Donated with love from the Metro Parrothead Club" We will send a survey to the members to decide what to inscribe on the bench. They can choose from the following or suggest something else:

"Living my life like a song"

"Life is just a tire swing"

"Count all your blessings, Remember your dreams"

"Fins up Forever"

"...Who inspired us to Party with a Purpose"

-Annual Toy Drive

We would like to combine a holiday happy hour and an open meeting with this event. Suggested dates are 12/2 or 12/9. Nancy will contact Wharf to see if they are available. Jamie will contact the Kelly family who helps collect the toys.

Upcoming events:

October 15: Alzheimer's Walk-Rockland county

October 22: Alzheimer's Walk -Belmont State Park

October 21: Happy hour (possibly at Carneys)

Nov 18: Happy hour at Shanahan's in Kings Park with Karaoke

Motion made by Liz, seconded by Arlene to adjourn at 9:12pm

Next meeting October 17, 2023

Submitted by

Nancy Forberg, Metro BOD Secretary