

Metro Board of Directors Meeting  
November 14, 2023

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

A motion was made by Nancy, seconded by Laurel to adopt the minutes from last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Laurel seconded by Bosco to accept the financial report (attached). Motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report: Arlene reports we have a total of 199 members.

Community Service Hours:

Bosco 15, Jamie 4, Laurel 1, Susan 5, Nancy 2, Liz 2, Arlene 2

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 18 Happy hour and Food drive:

At the last board meeting, it was decided that this Thanksgiving food drive would be to benefit the St. Francis Cabrini Food Pantry in Coram. Since that time, several members questioned why we aren't donating to Long Island Cares which is one of our long-standing charities. Additionally, it was brought up that our club should not be associated with any one religious organization. Although the food pantry is housed in a church, food is distributed to any community member in need and not just parishioners. A motion was made by Nancy, seconded by Jamie to go forward with this donation for this food pantry for this event only. Motion passed 6-0, with one abstention. We will continue our relationship with Long Island Cares and will host a food drive for them in 2024.

Liz will follow-up with the bar and will arrange for food delivery.

December Blood Drive (PHIP):

PHIP has asked clubs to participate in a nationwide blood drive in December in memory of Jimmy Buffett. Many clubs are arranging donations at one central location. Alternately, members can go to any donation center and send a record of their blood donation to the club who will tally them all and report to PHIP. Bosco is looking into how we can participate.

December 8, NYC HH- Bosco checking with Terri on this.

December 9: Happy hour/Toy Drive/Members Meeting:

Nancy has confirmed with Snapper inn, and they will post flyers and will post on their Facebook page if we tag them on our posts. Laurel will check to see if Gary will be able to be Santa and we can ask for donations for a photo with Santa. Ed Kelly has arranged for the toys to be picked up that evening from the John Theissen Foundation. Bosco will set up an online donation page for anyone that cannot attend. Bosco will prepare a brief outline of the year and present to members.

December 16: Wreath Across America

John Brown is coordinating this event and has sent instructions on where and when to meet. Jamie will post this info and it will go in BW.

January 20: Happy Hour (possible clothing drive )

Liz has suggested a new location (Belfast GastroPub, Lindenhurst). They have a country band playing that night. She will contact bar to see if we can hold our HH there and she will contact Big Brothers/Big Sisters to arrange pick-up of clothing donations if the bar agrees.

January 21: Juvenile Diabetes Fundraiser.

One of our members asked if we would promote this event. Board members agreed to promote in the BW and on FB as a non-Metro event.

#### MEMORIAL BENCH UPDATE:

We have received approval from the town of North Haven to proceed with the purchase and placement of the bench.

A motion was made by Arlene, seconded by Jamie to purchase the bench for \$1134.43. Motion passed unanimously. We already have \$833 in donations toward the bench. Jamie will assemble and store the bench until we have a date to install and dedicate it which will likely be Spring 2024.

#### BOARD VACANCIES

Nancy sent an email to membership, asking for people to step up to take on a board position. One member asked for clarification of what each position entails. So, Nancy sent a follow-up email outlining Board responsibilities. There were no responses.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

NeXT MEETING: December 19, 2023

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Forberg, Metro BOD Secretary

**METRO PARROTHEAD CLUB  
OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

CHECKING

STARTING BALANCE 10/1/2023 \$4,323.34

DEPOSITS

Bench Donation (Bosco)	\$ 250.00	
50-50 Bench Raffle	\$ 145.00	
Beach Bash Refund	<u>\$ 530.51</u>	
		Total \$925.51

DISBURSEMENTS

Beach Bash Refunds	\$ 962.50	
Alzheimers Donation	\$ 402.00	
Bosco – Reimb for Pete Mann Band	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	
		Total <b>\$1,464.50</b>

ENDING BALANCE 10/31/2023 \$3,784.35

PAYPAL

<u>Starting Balance</u>	10/1/2023	\$3,194.58
Dues (2F, 1S)	\$ 99.50	\$ 99.50
Fees	-\$ 4.93	
Mailchimp	-\$ 14.12	<b>-\$ 19.05</b>
Ending Balance	10/31/2023	\$3,275.03