

Metro Board of Directors Meeting: 10/8/24

Present: Bosco Thurer, Susan Scalise, Tom Chivvis, Lisa Benatti, Liz Byrne, Nancy Forberg

Absent: Arlene Rosenthal

Meeting called to order at 7:06

A motion was made by Bosco, 2nd by Nancy to adopt minutes of September meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Nancy, 2nd by Tom to approve financial report (attached). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Nancy, 2nd by Bosco to approve membership report. Motion passed unanimously. Arlene was not present but reported that we are at 167 members. No change since last month.

Past Event Recaps:

-September HH at Dirty Taco, Smithtown. Bobby Bahama played (paid for by bar) and was well-received. We need to make sure to have membership applications at all future events.

Thank you to Julie Chivvis who took over the sale of 50/50 tickets. We raised \$380 for Alzheimer's Association.

Thank you to member Sandy Sass who won and donated her winnings back!

Nancy also had the JB puzzle books for sale and \$100 was raised for Alzheimer's Association. Will sell again at next two events.

-Bingo at Eleanor's. Was attended by 12 members who had a good time. Congrats to Joe Batista for his double win!

Technical Issues:

-The website had some issues which were resolved by Bosco. We are now signed up for additional coverage through GoDaddy which will cost an additional \$5 per month.

-Tom used GoDaddy to set up an email for himself with metrophc.net. He will set up for all Board members.

-Club by-laws which were missing due to the computer issue are now back up.

-Tom also created club business cards to use when speaking to venues/bars, etc to set up events. He does not want reimbursement from the club.

-Tom suggested using members phone numbers to send reminder texts for events as some have said they don't read BW. BOD agreed as long as there would be an "opt-out" option if people don't want the texts.

Upcoming Events:

- October 20, Alzheimer's Walk Belmont Park- We will meet for socialization before the walk, as well as for a picnic gathering after the walk. A motion was made by Bosco, 2nd by Tom to purchase bagels, butter, cream cheese , champagne and OJ. Motion passed unanimously. Bosco will purchase and bring to event along with the club flag. We will continue to post in BW and on FB.
- November 9 HH and Food drive for Long Island Cares will be held at Prost , Garden City. Liz spoke to manager who will provide tables for our raffle baskets and suggested reservations for dinner. Liz will look into music for that date. She will see if the bar already has someone scheduled or, if not, will they pay for part of the fee if we can get one of our usual musicians? Liz will also contact Long Island Cares to arrange for a donation box and pick up of food

donations. Lisa will investigate the possibility of setting up a Venmo account for the club so that people can contribute \$ if they can't make the event. This would also be helpful for future events. Bosco will look into setting up an online donation site through LIC. Several board members also volunteered to be drop off points for anyone who wants to purchase food but can't make the event.

- Wreaths Across America 12/14. More details to come.
- Toy Drive, Snapper Inn 12/14. Nancy has contacted Ed Kelly who will coordinate with John Theissen Foundation.
- Craft night- postponed until Spring
- Clothing Drive for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Tom and Liz will look into locations for this event in January.

Other Business:

-Election Update: Applications due 10/15 to the election officer Jamie Benatti. Ballots will go out to membership by Nov 1.

-Facebook Admins: Currently we have 3, who are all past Board members. Tom suggested that a current Board member should be an admin and he volunteered to become one. Bosco will speak to other admins to see who would like to step down.

-Lone Palm Foundation: a motion was made by Nancy, 2nd by Liz to send \$500 donation, in light of the recent hurricanes in Florida, Georgia and NC. Motion passed unanimously.

-PHIP Elections. Bosco reported that all incumbents won.

Next Meeting: 11/12 24

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Forberg, BOD Secretary

METRO PARROTHEAD CLUB
September 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CHECKING

STARTING BALANCE 9/1/2024 \$2,875.74

DEPOSITS

Membership -Family (2) \$ 70.00

Total \$ 70.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Reimb to Nancy Forberg for puzzle books
& gift cards \$ 280.00

Total **\$ 280.00**

ENDING BALANCE 9/30/2024 \$2,665.74

PAYPAL

Starting Balance 9/1/2024 \$4,586.81

GoDaddy \$ 23.16

Mailchimp -\$ 14.12

-\$ 37.28

Ending Balance 9/30/2024 \$4,549.53