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THE ROCKAWAYS

April 18, 2024: Submitted by MaryAnn Nellen

Meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Rockaways; April 18, 2024 @ Rogers Pub, 205 Beach 116th St.

Members in Attendance: Janice Bar; Queens West Lt. Governor, Scott Valentine; President, Jeanette Garramone; Vice President, Stacey Savitsky; Secretary, MaryAnn Nellen; Treasurer Kathy Giuseppone, Helen Montero-Hernandez, Michelle Hettich, Felicia Johnson, Grace Miller

Meeting was at 7:30 President Scott Valentine led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

MaryAnn Nellen read the **Treasury Report**, balance in Service account is \$2901.80 up \$67 and \$1733.13 in Administrative down \$59.00

The Kiwanis Clubs elect new officers during the meetings in May. Please consider if you would like to run for President, Secretary or Treasurer for the next year (October 2024 through September 2025) The current office holders will be happy to help and pass on whatever they have learned during their time as Club Officers

On Sunday, April 21, 2024, 2:00PM, at the Rooftop Bar in the Rockaway Hotel, a **screening of "Swim Strong"** is shown. You can meet the filmmaker and have some light snacks. The link to get tickets is in the WhatsApp chat. \$25.

The website is up and operating! Scott did a great job. The link is **KiwanisOfTheRockaway.org**, Upcoming events, newspaper articles, committees, reports, and photos. It is full of information look. Please send photos and other information that you would like posted to Scott on WhatsApp or email to Scott@KiwaniisOfTheRockaways.org

Sports Sponsorship Update – Helen announced that the **Kiwanis Members Grant/ Scholarship** application was sent in last Friday. Brian and Michele's Club, Punishers LEMC NYC, is sponsoring us and helping us raise money for more swim lessons. Kiwanis has acknowledged the application and has requested a meeting.

By Laws Update: Members of this committee and the officers have read the template and meet to write a draft. Kathy has joined the committee and Scott requested that we have the bylaws in place by June.

501C3 is on hold until IRS EIN number is cleared up

Rise – May 4, 2024, **Earth Day Event**, 12:00 - 4:00PM – 58-03 Rockaway Beach Blvd
Volunteers, Scott, Stacey, and MaryAnn, need table, chairs, banner

BCHS Food Pantry Update, we are still trying to get in touch with Lakia Kia Echols who requested help setting up a food pantry for BCHS students on Facebook on February 28, 2024. We would like for her to speak with us and tell us how we can help her.

Veteran in Command Food Pantry - Scott went on Tuesday to see if there was something we can do to help. Obviously individually we can help if we want but we should not attach the Kiwanis name until we find out the nature of the complaints against Salvatore and the food Pantry

Messages from **Steve Sirgiovanni**, past president who was unable to attend.

1-Steve has generously offered to donate \$500 for Children's Christmas gifts and play Santa Clause if we have a fundraiser for Childrens Christmas gifts and raise \$500.

2-Steve also suggested we approach the pastor for the House on the Rock Church. He would be a good organization to partner with and would go with someone for an introduction.

Howard Beach 62nd Annual Dinner Dance; An agreement was made to sponsor a half page of their journal, acknowledging the awards and using a photo to invite new memberships.

Sip and Paint Fundraiser: Steve we are taking you up on your offer! We are in the process of planning a sip and paint party. Helen has approached a new business; The Rocks Billiards, 348 Beach 72nd Street. We would like to have the event on a Saturday and we would like them to open early for us. Helen is going to find out if that is possible. Possible dates mentioned are 6/1,15, 29 or waiting until after the summer is over. We will see if they will open early for us.

Queens Public Library Food Distribution is Scheduled for June 8th; We have 12 spots, last time we had to be there at 10:00 AM

Rock Stock and Barrell is on June 22, 2024. Set up is on Beach 90th Street, at 8:00 AM, we will need a table, a tent, chairs, and volunteers

Kiwanis Street Sign – we are shelving the idea

Walk-a-thon – we are holding the event on June 14th, 2024, at 7:00PM. We are starting at Rippers on Beach 86th Street and walking to Beach 56th Street and back. We are asking each member to join up, get 15 sponsors to contribute \$15 dollar. It was a small event last year but we raised enough to send 7 children for swimming lessons. This year we are ordering Tie Dyed Kiwanis Tee shirts what we are going to use for our summer events this year. Everyone text your size to MaryAnn 917-515-0024. We expect the tee shirts to cost less than \$20.

We would like to give a **Certificate of Appreciation** to the three Explorers who were very helpful during the Easter Egg Hunt. As soon as we have their names we will present them with certificates at the following Community Council meeting.