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July 18, 2024: Submitted by MaryAnn Nellen

Meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Rockaways; June 20, 2024 @ Rogers Pub, 205 Beach 116th St.

Members in Attendance: President Scott Valentine; Vice President, Jeanette Garramone; Treasurer, MaryAnn Nellen; Grace Arnemann, Ahmad Ozzie Edwards, Michelle Hettich, Brian Hettich, Helen Montero-Hernandez, Jason Hernandez, Rikki Lawless, Kyle Meyer. Guests in attendance, Abe Garcia, from Howard Beach Club, Yvette Renda and Joanne Briody, all three potential new members

The President, Scott Valentine started the meeting at 7:30 with the **Pledge of Allegiance**

The 2 newest guests introduced themselves. Yvette Renda, a resident of the Rockaways, found out about the Rockaway Kiwanis Club on Facebook. She is very interested in helping children, so she came to the meeting to see what we are all about, and invited her friend, Joanne Briody, along.

Agenda:

Scott made a motion to accept the **minutes from last meeting**, Jeanett seconded the motion and it was agreed by those present. Meeting minutes are posted on the WhatsApp chat and delivered by email each month. Please review the minutes prior to following meeting.

Treasurer's Report: We started with \$1560.65 in our Administrative Account. We collected \$100 for catering and \$50 for Kyle's dues. After paying Kyle's dues and \$100 for catering, we are left with \$1584.15 in our Administrative Account. We started with \$2909.79 in our Service Account. We added \$2080.00 from our walk-a-thon. We accepted \$250.00 from Glendale Kiwanis for Swim Strong and passed that \$250 on to Swim Strong. We had a winner for the 2nd baseball pool that added \$200 to the account. Congratulations, Ozzie! Also, Ozzie, against objections, donated half the winnings back. Thank you, Ozzie! That brought our Service account to \$5389.79. \$2100.00 will be set aside for the Kiwanis/Punishers Grant. Scott made a motion to accept the report and Grace seconded the motion, and all present agreed to accept the report.

Club Officer's Election:.....someone ???anyone? The next time someone leaves to go to the bathroom, they will be nominated for a position.

Sports Sponsorship Updates: We are looking for opportunities to sponsor sports teams. Jason and Helen are looking into the possibility of sponsorship for the Ravens, a football team that is part of a league that plays on the field at 32nd Street and the Boardwalk.

Grant Update: The grant has been accepted and approved! Next steps are complete the necessary paperwork, meet with Swim Strong as they need to agree to certain terms, and find out what the swimmers will need so we can create swag bags for each scholarship recipient. The sources of the money we will be working with are: \$2100 of the walk-a-thon service money, - \$1500 from our partner, the *Punishers*, and \$2400 from Kiwanis Kids. The total is \$6000.

F.Y.I., ***The Punishers*** are a group of motorcycle enthusiasts many are Law Enforcement Professionals. The group was formed to honor Richard Pearlman, the youngest EMT to die on 9-11. They have an annual bike run in September that leaves from Flushing Meadow Park, travels over the 59th Street Bridge (Ed Koch), through 42nd Street, down to the World Trade Center, and back. The ride ends at "Larry's Block Party." This year, it will take place on September 14th. I'm not whether they were serious or not, but we may be able to follow in a van with a Kiwanis banner.

July 13, 2024 Swim Strong Event: Jeanette, Stacey, Helen, and MaryAnn attended the event to represent Rockaway Kiwanis. This event was a part of #CityofWater Day. This is a water awareness program designed to educate the public on the dangers of water, not only from oceans, bays, rivers, and lakes but also storms, pools, bathrooms, and buckets. It included climate change information and discussions on water safety, how to read Rockaway waters, and surfer's water safety. Jeanette and Shevonne, with SIGMA GAMMA RHO, discussed working together on a future event.

501C3: Still waiting for IRS.

Queens West Cruise: 7/20/2024 (Government ID is required to board the ship)

From the Governor's Visit: Not mentioned at the meeting, we should have had a donation for the Governor's project, Kamp Kiwanis and I think we should also make a donation to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation. I think we should use the baseball pool money, \$300 to each.

Bylaws: The meeting date has not yet been set.

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 - Set up begins at 3:00 PM and the event ends at 8:00 PM: Volunteers for 100th Precinct (Grace & Rikki - we need more) and Volunteers for the 101st Precinct (Felecia, Dolores, and Scott) Many of this group's members are working this event in different capacities. Rockaway Kiwanis is donating \$300 for balloon animals at the 100th Precinct event.

Next meeting location: Several of our members are checking to find a space to hold our next meeting. Not enough members were interested in going to the concessions at Riis Park. Unless you hear otherwise, our next meeting on August 15th, 2024, will be held at Roger's Pub.

Carnival: Queens Carnival is Saturday August 24, 2024, 16-27 Seagirt Boulevard, 8:00 AM through 8:00 PM. Jason has volunteered to represent Rockaway Kiwanis by tabling the event. I'm sure he'd like some company, but many of our members have prior commitments on August 24th. There is interest in getting a float next year. Start working on ideas.

Radio Bingo: Our 2nd Annual Radio Bingo fundraiser will be held on Friday, October 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM, at the Knights of Columbus, located on 3-33 Beach 90th Street. Proposed pricing is \$35 to attend and \$40 at the door if there are any tickets left. Table discount will be \$300 for 10 seats. We need to print and sell 50/50 tickets for \$5 each/3 for \$10. These prices were voted on and approved. We also need to gather DJ, door, and raffle basket prizes. The raffle tickets pricing for the baskets is still under debate. It was proposed to offer Tier 2 at 3 for \$5 and Tier 1 at 3 for \$10, but some of the group felt that multiple levels of tickets would be too much work and these tickets may be too expensive. Michelle suggested sheets of 20 for \$20.

New business: Since we are doing the grant with Kiwanis and The Punishers, we must get new ideas to help kids out in the neighborhood. Everyone loves Jason's sports ideas, and we came up with a weekend sports event. We'd need a lot of time to prepare, so the Spring is when we'd like to have the event. I think Jeanette came up with the idea of naming it "Spring into Action." We are thinking about sporting events, vendors, food trucks, etc....