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THE ROCKAWAYS

Our October 17, 2024, a meeting was held at Roger's Pub. It was catered by Flip-Flop Catering. Yum!

At 7:30 PM, Scott called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were in attendance: Scott Valentine, Jeanette Garramone, Stacey Savitsky, MaryAnn Nellen, Grace Arnemann, Thomas Beard, Ozzie Edwards, Helen Montero-Hernandez, Brian Hettich, Michelle Hettich, Kyle Meyer,

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's report: **There is \$2,934.79 in Administrative Account.** Last month we added \$970.00 in collected dues, \$21 happy dollars, \$70 for catering, \$2 from Melissa at Radio Bingo. We paid \$100 for catering. **The Service Account has \$14,322.84, \$4,500 of which is for the Swim Strong Grant.** From the service account, we purchased a gift card for 10/29 Trunk or Treat \$106.95 and we paid DJs@Work \$1,800.00. We added \$915.00 in Radio Bingo ticket sales, \$2,530.00 in Radio Bingo proceeds, and \$200 from a donation from Robin Gonzalez for Christmas gifts. Treasury report was accepted.

Steve has generously agreed to match our fundraiser up to \$500 (we will only asked him to match \$300). If possible, we are going to have Steve play Santa Claus on 12/20/24 at the St John's Episcopal/ ICare holiday gift giveaway event at the Bayswater Jewish Center, 2355 Healy Avenue, Far Rockaway. The theme will be Winter Wonderland. We will make a cash donation along with setting up a table and handing out popcorn and candy that will be there for us to distribute. We would donate up to \$300 from Radio Bingo proceeds, \$200 from Robin Gonzalez's donation, and Steve will put in \$300.

The annual dues for October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, are currently being collected. Payment can be made by Zelle to RockawayKiwaniis@aol.com, or paid by cash, check, or Venmo to MaryAnn.

We have signed up to adopt a family for Christmas with the St. John's Episcopal ICare project. Our shoppers are Jeanette, Michelle, and Grace A. To pay for this project, we are going to run a \$20 football pool for the Thanksgiving Day Cowboys game. If we use the same guidelines for our \$20 Superbowl pool, we should raise \$250. If it sells out quickly, we can run a second pool.

Radio Bingo was a success! Everyone who attended had a good time. We raised \$6,000. We took in \$6,065 in ticket sales, \$1,680 in 50/50 proceeds, \$2,650 from the raffle baskets. We spent \$2,200 on DJ@at Work, \$1,100 on the hall, \$700 in tips, \$270 in miscellaneous expenses, and we're still waiting on small final expenses. Critique: There is a discussion about raising ticket prices, eliminating table discounts, adding corporate table sponsors, and doubling the 50/50 sales. There was some blowback for not introducing political leaders which led us to develop new wording for the person speaking for us at parties: "While we are a non-political, non-religious organization, we appreciate the support of our local political, religious and community leaders."We can acknowledge their presence, they don't get the microphone.

The leftover gift cards from Radio Bingo will be used for 100th Precinct Halloween costume prizes, and Installation Dinner 50/50 secondary prizes.

Helen "left the room" and was then volunteered to chair the Membership Committee. She is also is chairing the new Holiday Committee. The members of the new committee are Helen, Jeannette, Grace A, and Ozzie. If anyone else wants to join, just say so.

We have decided not to participate in the October 26th Broad Channel Volunteer Ambulance Corp Annual Fall Festival as we are spread too thin next week.

On Sunday, October 27th, between 12:00 and 3:00 PM, we are participating, with the 100th Precinct and other community partners, in the Halloween Costume Parade and Trunk or Treat. The Parade begins on Beach 102nd Street on the Boardwalk at 12:00 PM. We are judging the contest and suppling 3 prizes for the best costumes. We are also setting up Trunk or Treat with candy for the kids. Dolores has slap bracelets to give out, too. Scott, Helen, Jason, MaryAnn, and Grace will be attending.

We are also joining a Trunk or Treat event on October 29th with St. John's Episcopal Hospital and the mother of Khaleel Anderson from Assembly District 31. This event will be held outside of Papa Johns at 49-01 Beach Channel Drive from 2:00 – 5:00 PM. We made a \$100 donation. Helen will be wearing her St John's hat and Kyle and Jeannette will represent Kiwanis at the event. Ozzie will be the MC.

The Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Haunted House needs volunteers to assist them in running the event. Helen, Jason, Gabriel, Michelle, Brian, and Jeanette have volunteered for Friday, November 1,2024. See attached flyer.

The Installation Dinner will **not** be held on November 21, 2024. We are still looking for locations, Jameson's had a pretty well-priced menu. We are checking into Rocco's of Roc Beach and a few other places. It will probably be held on December 19th as a combination Installation Dinner/Holiday Party. Our next meeting will be held at Rogers on 11/21/24 at 7:00 PM.

Thanksgiving! Michelli has gotten Cross County to donate turkeys (she will let us know how many) for local families. If the timing is right, we can combine the turkey giveaway with the St. John's Episcopal Hospital Thanksgiving Event on November 26th.

NYFAC Foundation Toy Run Sponsorship. Last year we donated \$200 to the NYFAC Foundation Toy Run. They never cashed the check. We are adding \$300 to last year's donation and becoming a Run Sponsor. The event will be held on December 1st. Riders leave Forest Park at 1:00 PM and ride to the American Legion in Broad Channel for a fun event.

Minutes by MaryAnn Nellen