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Meeting of Rockaway Kiwanis Club

Held on Thursday – February 20, 2025@Rogers 205 Beach 116 Street

Members in Attendance:

Scott Valentine	Stacey Savitsky	Dolores Orr	MaryAnn Nellen
Jeanette Garramone	Grace Amemann	Rose Guerrier	Kyle Meyer
Kathy Giuseppone	Felicia Johnson	Brian Hettich	Michelle Hettich
Jason Hernandez	Erica Lawless	Helen Montero-Hernandez	

President Scott Valentine lead group in Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report- MaryAnn Nellen. Balances in accounts:

Administrative Account: Balance ending in January was \$1,811.15. Collected \$716. Expenses \$599.32. **Balance as of 2/20/2025 \$1,927.83.**

Service Account: Balance ending in January \$10,957.31. Collected \$1,325. Expenses: Sponsorship Rockaway Little League Team \$450; Swin Strong – Payment #2 Grant \$1,800
Balance as of 2/20/2025 \$10,032.31 (note: \$900 reserved for Swim Strong Grant)

Motion by Felicia Johnson, seconded by Jeanette Garramone to accept Treasurer's Report.
Motion carried.

Report of By-Laws Committee – Scott Valentine - By-Laws will be voted on at the March 20, 2025 meeting and requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of membership. Copy of By-laws will be sent to all members Feb, 20, 2025.

Rockaway St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 1, 2025. Dolores Orr advised location of line-up will be posted on Parade's website – Dolores will advise all members of location as soon as it is posted. 100th Pct looking for donations for breakfast they host for Auxiliary and Volunteers on parade day. We have supported last 4 years. Consensus of members was, with all our other commitments not to donate this year.

Submission of application for a Micro-grant (Franc). Helen Montero advised of the opportunity for a micro-grant but due date is 3/3/2025 but we would need to have our books audited. Jeanette Garramone advised she can arrange to have books audited.

Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics of NY – April 5th. 100th Precinct Team has invited us to join their team. Consensus was that we would participate. At least 4 members have already committed to participate.



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Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday – April 12th After discussion and review of prior years participation a motion was made by Jeanette Garramone and seconded by Dolores Orr that for 2025 we will support by providing the following: Golden Eggs and associated prizes; popcorn and Helen Montero will be the Easter Bunny.

Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation 25th Anniversary Jubilee Gala – April 27th - Motion by Dolores Orr seconded by MaryAnn Nellen to donate \$200. Motion carried.

Swim Strong – Celebration of swimmers sponsored by Kiwanis' grant - to be held last day of Saturday swim session. Need to confirm date – either 4/19 or 4/26. Will be held at Far Rockaway High School where lessons are. Rose Guerrier will make contact with Shawn at Swim Strong.

Walk-a-thon – June 14th other details to be discussed at future meeting

Corn Hole – Bean Bag Toss Competition – Erica Lawless working on and further information and discussion to follow.

Kiwanis Rockaway Little League – Jason Hernandez

Flyers circulated and will continue to advise – NO registration fee – Co-Ed – ages 9-12 years old – 5 teams – 50 kids.

Need Park Permits – 10 weeks - \$250. Location of field Beach 12 Street – Redfern field (TUESDAY & SATURDAYS) Shirt/hat for each player \$28. Umpires \$650. Insurance. CPR training.

Background checks Estimated total cost \$4450.

Motion by Jason Hernandez and seconded by MaryAnn Nellen to fund Kiwanis Rockaway Summer Little League and submit Franc Grant application. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Radio Bingo - October 24th DJ secured. Springman Hall not available (was a much larger venue) so will book Knights of Columbus. Formation of committee: to date – Jeanette, Grace A., Rikki, MaryAnn.

Submitted by: Dolores Orr