

Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York Weekly Bulletin SERVICE ABOVE SELF May 11, 2021

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Marking the 61st week of "stay at home" meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Jennifer Van Voorhis called the Zoom meeting to order at 8 am We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary 4-way test and Fred Cartier offered a blessing. Thirteen Rotarians were in attendance including Jenn Van Voorhis, Susan Ezrati, Fred Cartier, Michael Shafer, Jonah Triebwasser, Linda Greenblatt, Bud Weaver, Dave Wright, Susan Simon, Carl Dowden, Chris Chale, Rob Latimer and Rebecca Kent. Our guests were candidates for the Red Hood CSD Board of Education and included: Laura Roberts, Jacque Berriy, Jennifer Manon, Kate Korbus, and Adiadne Montera.



Rob Latimer provided the above screenshot of participants at the Zoom meeting. By row, from top left to bottom right are: Jennifer Van Voorhis, Rob Latimer, Fred Cartier, Bud Weaver Jacque Berry (BOE), Linda Greenblatt, Michael Shafer, Tim Lynch, Jonah Triebwasser, Rebecca Kent, Susan Ezrati, Laura Roberts (BOE), Dave Wright, Carl Dowden, Ariadne Montara (BOE), Chris Chale, Jennifer Manon (BOE), and Susan Simon. Kate Korbus, this year's BOE chair, also attended and spoke but missed the photo.

Reminder: May 18 – Vote on the school budget, five propositions and election of two of the seven candidates for the Board of Education.

Utilizing the zoom feature that allows each candidate to speak separately to the Rotary meeting, Jen separately introduced each of the candidates that volunteered to speak to the club. Each candidate spoke for 15 minutes and then asked for questions from the Rotarians. At the conclusion of each presentation, Jonah asked the candidate to address the question of what is the greatest challenge that the school system faces in the coming year. The five candidates presenting were, in order of their presentation, Laura Roberts, Jacque Berry, Jennifer Manon, Kate Korbus (the only incumbent and currently the President of the Board of Education), and Ariadne Montara. All candidates have children in the Red Hook schools, two work in the schools as teachers or coaches, all are active in the community. Two candidates did not present at the meeting.

The Red Hook Central School District website offers statements by each of the seven candidates running. You are encouraged to read these statements as well.

Common themes among the candidates included, learning from the challenges presented by the remote learning required by the pandemic, the challenges and benefits of a diverse student body, the equity imperative, the unique opportunity/challenge of federal non-recurring funding, and the need to improve digital equity.

Wonderful meeting! Everyone be sure to vote on May 18, 2021.

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