**Board Meeting Minutes – October 2023**

**Present at meeting**: Lauren Torres, Julie Kattan, Bob Praid, Bob Manheimer, John Gluck, Michele Thomas, Cathy Garr.

**Following are topics discussed at our last Board meeting held on October 16:**

* We discussed moving Club and Foundation bank accounts from Webster Bank to First Republic Bank, which Bob is handling.
* Lauren talked about four connections she has made at the Chamber of Commerce meetings -- Michael Britt of Westchester Modular Homes, Darryl Vega of Nothing Bundt Cakes, Andrea Della Mura of the Drip Bar, Daniela Robustelli of Allstate and Tim Cacase of Rafele – all of whom would be good to have as guest speakers and/or potential new members. Lauren invited Michael Britt to join our in-person meeting on October 17 and is hoping to convince others to join an upcoming meeting.
* We discussed the new road signs and T-shirts that have been ordered and the need to follow up on the status of those orders.
* Lauren gave an update on our Feed the Sound Shore donation project which is being overseen by Rita. I said I would do a social media post about this on our Instagram and Facebook account.
* Lauren gave a quick tour/review of the Rye Rotary website which provides great information about our Club, highlights our community projects, fundraising activities and meetings and provides general information about Rotary. Bob suggested we all download the Clubrunner app which is an easy way to access our website.
* A motion was made to approve the minutes from our September 18 Board meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
* We discussed our upcoming annual meeting, scheduled for December 5,at which we vote on a new slate of officers and Bob gives a Treasurer’s report on the Club’s finances. Time and place for the meeting have not yet been decided, and we tossed around the possibility of doing the meeting via Zoom rather than in person.
* We discussed the upcoming holiday luncheon with the Lion’s Club, scheduled for December 19 at Whitby Castle. Lauren said she would contact Eric Byrne regarding the Midland School Choir and also call Sean at Whitby Castle to book and provide details on the luncheon.
* We discussed current and upcoming service and fundraising projects, including our “Rotary Feeds the Sound Shore” food drive, Purple Pinky project and the Drive-in Movie Night. Lauren said she would email George Lattimer to ask about the possibility of using the Playland parking lot for our Movie Night venue, which we would like to schedule for May 17, 2024. This could be discussed further when George Lattimer joins our meeting on November 7.
* Lauren reminded us about the 2023 Women Innovators Awards Dinner, hosted by Westfair Business Journal, which is recognizing Michele for her work at the Osborne. The event is taking place on October 26 at the VIP Country Club in New Rochelle.
* Lauren noted that the next Rye Chamber of Commerce meeting would take place on Wednesday, November 1 at 8:30 AM at Rafele in Rye.
* We tossed around ideas for the upcoming Mistletoe Magic event which will be taking place on Sunday, November 26 from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. It was noted that Michele had previously ordered a frisbee toss game for last year’s event which had to be cancelled due to weather. Lauren said she would reach out to Michele about using the game for this year’s activity, with the frisbees as our giveaway item. Lauren would look into the cost of customizing the frisbees with our Rotary logo.