

Spoke July 14 2020

Presiding: Lisa Wisotsky

Recorder: Steve Wiessner

Lisa welcomed everyone, and was happy to host her initial meeting as Club President.

Lisa led the flag salute a little after noon and introduced Aleta Frezzell who gave the message of inspiration. Her topic was about how we should all be working together and to be kind to each other which was well received.

Guests:

No guests and visitors today

Installation of Club Directors, Committee Chairs and Officers:

Lisa announced the Committee Chairs and members of the Board of Directors

She then noted that there was a board meeting yesterday and identified some of her goals of the club for Rotary Year 2020/21. She identified that Rotary International's four Strategic Goals which she felt are consistent with our goals:

1. Increase our Impact
2. Increase Our Reach
3. Increase our Community Engagement
4. Adapt to the Needs of Today

She also noted some of the major agenda items discussed at the Board meeting. She said that we will become a hybrid club, with some virtual meetings along with eventually some in-person meetings when conditions allow. Starting in August, the 4th meeting of the month will be an evening meeting at 6:00 pm. The 2nd Tuesday of each month will be a business meeting.

The Board also discussed the launch of a strategic planning process that will begin in August led by President-Elect Jackie Guttman. She will discuss this in more detail at our August business meeting.

A new marketing committee has been started, chaired by Donovan Rodriques and Phyllis Brown Edwards.

Other goals include strengthening our Service Projects Committee, that will include a Rotary Day of Service that will include greater engagement from the community.

A new environmental committee has been initiated and will be led by David Maron.

Members should expect to receive a call from someone on the club leadership team to ask you how you want to get more involved in Rotary club activities.

She then asked officers and Standing Committee Chairs to give brief explanations of their functions within the club and their activities.

Officers:

President-Elect Jackie Guttman provided a brief overview about the strategic planning process, and how to get club members more involved.

Vice President Rasheeda Kamar who is also chair of the Programs Committee talked about the recent challenges associated with getting good program speakers due to the pandemic, and she thanked John Devol for his help. If members have good potential speakers, please reach out to her.

Kathy Silberstein is our Club Treasurer, and she discussed the basics of how the club deals with money. She then introduced Susan Fetner who is our Assistant Treasurer, and she assists Kathy as needed.

Michael Prigoff is the club's Sergeant at Arms, with the main responsibility making sure that the club and its members follow our rules and bylaws, and he also is co-chair of our Finance Committee.

Mitch Schonfeld discussed his role as Club Secretary, which essentially gets communications out to members including Board meeting minutes. Janet Sharma is the club's Assistant Secretary.

Standing Committee Chairs;

Charlotte Bennett Schoen is the co-chair of the Fellowship/Fundraising committee along with Amy Gazley. Charlotte noted the virtual gala in September which the committee will be in charge of, and the committee has other ideas they plan to work on.

Bob Tedesco is our Governance Committee chair, and the main functions that Bob will lead is to ensure that we follow the Rotary Manual of Procedures. His goal is to make sure that our club will work in coordination with the loose guidelines of Rotary International to make sure that we retain our Rotary charter and adhere to our club bylaws.

Our Membership Committee Chair Joyce Grossbard stated that getting new members is the job of everyone in the club. Who can you bring into the club? She made a request that each member should sponsor one new member this Rotary year, and as sponsor, that you will help onboard our new members to get them active in club activities.

Joe Sorbanelli is chair of our Service Projects committee. Joe noted that he's looking to hold 4 major service projects for the year, and other smaller projects as they come up. He noted potential projects to work on including with our new environmental committee, racial justice issues, and for those with disabilities.

Jennie Katsaros is our Director at Large, and she looks forward to working with everyone on the various projects that the club is working on.

Lisa then noted that the next week or two, that she will introduce all the club's Ad Hoc Committee chairs to discuss their committee activities

Board meeting updates, Lisa noted the following:

1. That we will move forward with the strategic planning process led by Jackie
2. The 1st and 3rd week luncheons will have guest speakers, the 2nd week luncheon will be a business meeting with no guest speaker, and the 4th meeting of the month will be an evening meeting at 6:00 pm starting in August.
3. Regular weekly newsletters will be coming from Lisa every Sunday via e-mail and on our Facebook page. Donovan will also add the newsletter content onto our website, and Mitch will also send it with the weekly reminders to members
4. Lisa is looking for content from our committee chairs and members by Thursday for inclusion in the weekly newsletter

Charlotte gave an update about the gala. She wants the event to stand out, and she and co-chair Amy Gazley will be learning more from other virtual events they plan to attend in coming months.

She then introduced Joyce Grossbard who led Happy Dollars.

About 32 members were on the Zoom meeting