

The board meeting was duly called by President John Carusone and second by Larry Richert, taking place at 510 West Key Ave. at 11:00 am.

-Present were: Board members John Carusone, Larry Richert, Peggy Keene, and Bill Zollinger. Also present were: Dave Bischooping, Joan Mager, Don Kramer, Paula Fickel, Lindley d'Ouille and Ed Lozito.

-A motion to accept the January 2019 minutes was made by Bill Zollinger and second by Larry Richert. The minutes were accepted.

-Lindley d'Ouille requested a copy of the minutes for Larry Richert, the treasurer, to be taken to the bank to be put on record as our treasurer. A copy was given to Larry.

-Lindley reviewed the last treasurer's report and explained the extra \$500 given to ACBL. We ended with a net loss of \$470 which she stated as unusual. We ended with a total of \$573 loss due to the decline in members. Peggy Keene moved to accept the annual report. Second by Bill Zollinger. Motion accepted.

-A report was given by Lindley d'Ouille on the transfer of the internet server to Comcast. She stated that Bryce Norwood put a lot of time and effort into making the installation happen. It is thought that in the long run it will be more efficient and save money. the password is:
bid7notrumpslam@lakecountyduplicate.com

-Education report: Joan Mager is presenting a series of common conventions on Tuesdays from 8-9:00am beginning on February 26th. The first will be on take-out doubles, the second will be on negative doubles and the last two are up for suggestions.

-Ethics: Paula Fickel has been newly added and gladly welcomed to assist on the ethics committee, A thanks to Don Kramer was given for the fine job that he does.

-Social: Peg Lindsay was not present but a consideration was put forth to ask her to head the social committee. She was emailed a food survey to complete to help with future events.

-Sunshine: Binny Foland was absent with no report.

-New Business:

-We discussed the possibility of a mentorship program to encourage new members. John Carusone, our president, said he would spearhead a search for a committee.

-Dave Bischooping suggested advertising on different community bulletin boards throughout the different communities to help increase our membership.

-Old Business:

-Dave Bischooping reported that the garden was cleaned up and there should be no expense to the club. He also reported that the new Howell cards came defective and that a new set is on the way.

-Joan Mager again suggested a social event to get new members.

-Maintenance: JJ Bursell has been responsible for repairing our chairs and it is a big job. Lindley D'orville requested a work day to help JJ catch up on the chairs, as well as other things that need to be done around the building. Dave Bischooping said that he would speak to JJ about it.

-Partnership activity: There was a discussion between John Carusone and Dave Bischooping on how to better deal with partnering. They then met with the directors. It was left to the directors' discretion on how to handle partnership during the afternoon sessions.

-Suggestion box: there was an article that someone placed in our suggestion box talking about the Leesburg club having an article in the Lake Sentinel. Bill Zollinger volunteered to look into this as a possible way to advertise.

-A move to adjourn the meeting was made at 11:50 am by John Carusone. Second by Larry Richert. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 at 11:00 am.

-Minutes submitted by Peggy Keene