

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2021

Note: Meeting conducted via Zoom.

President Cliff Matthews called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Bill Healy led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

President's Report: Pastor Bruce Ballantine offered greetings and is hopeful that the church can be more fully utilized in 2021. He also thanked us for our continued financial support.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Engelhardt. We are in a financially strong position, with 365 paid members totaling \$18,250 in dues. Current shortfall is \$3800.

Membership-Cliff Matthews. Current membership is 399. Total Life Membership is 34. Pending applications: 7. Cliff thanked Ed Lundell, Don Togneri, Bob Mosher, and Bill Healy for their efforts during the renewal membership drive. New members Bob Riley and Wayne Brotherton were introduced. Attendance: 47.

Hobbyists Concerns-Peter Phillip: The recent passing of Paul Levin and Christine Boyle, daughter of Gene Boyle, were noted.

Activities Reports

Book Club-Alan Stein. February's program features Nicholas Kristof's *Tightrope—American Reaching for Hope*. Peter Philip will lead the discussion.

Bridge-Ray Chuebon. Play continues with 15 active members.

Dinner Dance-Bill Healy. Dates for upcoming dances are May 17, October 11, and December 13. A final decision on the May 17 dance is pending.

Golf-Paul Fazio. Registration is ongoing. To date, 89 members have registered.

Hiking-Ed Collins. Hiking continues each Tuesday at various local sites.

Italian Language-Don Togneri. Meetings continue. Charley Carreras plans to present a Sicily Travelogue in English in March. Texas Hold'em play will also continue.

Military History-Tom Heed. A program on the Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict will be presented in February.

Programs-Bill Healy. The February program featured a walking tour of Ridgewood developed by Bill Carbone, Art Wrubel, and Joe Suplicki. Bill Carbone and Bob Stevenson are exploring possible joint efforts with the Glen Rock and Wyckoff activities groups and will provide a report to the Executive Board.

Science and Technology-Elliot Ratchik. The upcoming program will examine the origins of the elements on the Periodic Table.

The meeting concluded at 10:47 a.m.

Submitted by Mark Singer