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## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **Tuesday September 9, 2025**

The Board meeting, held in the Memorial Room at the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, New Jersey, was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Gaspar Lesznik at 10:00 AM.

Members in attendance:

*Gaspar Lesznik, 1st Vice President*

*Doug Cooper, Treasurer*

*Gabe Carifi, Assistant Treasurer*

*Marty Valerio, Secretary*

*Jim Webb - Membership Chairman*

*Jim Atieh, Immediate Past President*

*Harry Bennett, Outgoing Past President*

*Jim Mallen, Liaison to WRC*

Absent:

*Tom Donch, President*

*Adolph Galluccio, 2nd Vice President*

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President President Gaspar Lesznik, presiding in President Tom Donch's absence, requested a motion to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2025, Board meeting. Motion was made by Jim Atieh and seconded by Jim Webb. Motion approved.

- Survey Study
  - a. Since Reverend Andy was on Sabbatical during the month of August, Gaspar Lesznik will schedule a meeting with Reverend Andy in September to explore options to start the General Meetings at 9 AM in Heneveld Hall. There was a long discussion about the possibility of holding the General Meeting off-site. The consensus was an off-site meeting did not resolve the issue since Activities Unlimited is sponsored by Wyckoff Reformed Church.
  - b. Gaspar will schedule a meeting with each Club chair to review the Survey Action Plan. Each chair will write a short description on what their club offers, and the website will be updated with this new information.

- c. At the Annual Breakfast in October, Gaspar will provide the attendees with an overview of the data from the Survey and the Action Plan to address members' concerns.
- Treasurer's Report
  - a. Doug Cooper reported financial results for the months of July and August were as expected, with nominal expenditures. On a year-to-date basis, AU is operating within budget with overspending categories being offset by lower spending on other line items. There were no significant items to report on the balance sheet.
  - b. Doug Cooper is now registered with the State and the town of Wyckoff to sign documents whenever we hold a 50/50 raffle at an event in Wyckoff. So far this year, the raffle has generated income of \$441. In prior years, a partial amount of the earnings from the raffle was donated to the food pantry.
  - c. The August 14th Wine Tasting generated a surplus of \$40. Doug Cooper emphasized the prior year surplus of \$1,284 should be reduced this year while leaving a minimal balance to help offset costs of future events.
  - d. A preliminary 2026 budget and an Estimated Actual for 2025 were presented to the Board. Most notably for 2026 was the inclusion of \$800 for rental of the Midland Park Reformed Church Hall if the General Meeting is held in the morning. Another alternative meeting place is the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Squad building.
  - e. Doug Cooper will contact the Midland Park Reformed Church for availability.
  - f. Based on the financial budget for 2026 the Board approved to maintain dues at \$60 for 2026.
- Assistant Treasurer's Report – Gabe Carifi reported receiving 48 checks for the Annual Social. The checks totaled \$3,825 representing 85 attendees.
- Cares and Concerns – There was no report.
- Membership – Jim Webb reported there are 16 new members for 2025. The roster, dated August 25, 2025, indicates 313 active members which includes 48 members who have attained the age of 90.
- Speaker Program
  - a. The speaker for today's General meeting is Victor La Beu who will present his Antique Road Show.
  - b. There will be no speaker for the Annual Breakfast in October.
  - c. November - Harry Bennett will provide a tutorial on the AU website.
  - d. December – Valley Health Systems speakers program will discuss restful sleep for older adults.
  - e. January – tentative AARP speaker
  - f. February – no speaker yet

- Marketing Program – Gaspar will arrange a committee meeting in September. The focus will be recruitment. Also, work with the Webmasters Committee on updating the home page of AU’s website
- Webmaster
  - Website and Bulletin Board - Harry provided an update on the year-to-date activity on the Website and Bulletin Board. The Website is still trending at 24/25% and the Bulletin Board is trending at 17%. Most activity is the first week of the month when the Newsletter and Calendar are available.
- Webmaster Committee - Harry has scheduled a committee meeting on September 30, 2025.
- Events
  - a. Golf Outing – Jim Webb reported the second golf outing for the year will be held September 16, 2025, at Apple Greens Golf Course in Highlands, NY.
  - b. Annual Breakfast – so far 21 checks have been received. Member cost is \$20 if paid prior to the event; \$25 at the door. The cost to Activities Unlimited is \$25 per person.
  - c. Christmas Dinner/Dance – will be held on December 8 at Seasons in the Township of Washington. The ticket price will be \$118.00 per person with the Board subsidizing the ticket price approximately \$10.00 per person. Seasons requires a minimum attendance of 150 people. If there is difficulty in reaching this number, the Board will subsidize all costs, so the event happens.
  - d. Board/Club Chairs Thank You Lunch – this event will be at Fino’s in Allendale on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30
  - e. Spring Luncheon 2026 – no final agreement has been made with the Indian Trail Club. Gaspar will follow up.
- By Law Amendments – Marty Valerio reported the requirements to vote on the proposed amendments have been met and there will be a vote at the Annual Breakfast in October.
- Nominating Committee – Harry Bennet reported the committee has identified a preliminary slate of officers for 2026; not all have made a commitment. This task will be completed during the General Meeting. Harry will issue a written report to the Board later today. The slate of new Board members for 2026 will be announced at the Annual Breakfast in October and will be published in November’s Newsletter. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in November.
- Distinguished Service Award – each Board member shall submit nominations prior to the November Board meeting. At the November meeting, the nominations will be reviewed by the Board and vote to select a recipient. The recipient will be announced at the Christmas Dinner/Dance.
- The Board discussed Jim Atieh’s proposal to use the VFW Hall for a Gourmet Meal Club once a quarter. The Board recommended Jim contact Ron Gimbert at the VFW to discuss this proposal as a Hobbyist activity. No further action is required by the Board

- At July's Board meeting, Adolph Galluccio expressed his concern regarding the contentiousness he noticed at the Public Discussion Club meetings. The Board reviewed this item again and agreed it is an issue the Club chair should handle.
- The Board meeting concluded at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty P Valerio  
Secretary