

Activities



Unlimited

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday June 9, 2026

The General Meeting, held at the Midland Park Christian Reformed Church at Midland Park, New Jersey, started at 9:30 AM with social activities, and was called to order by President Gaspar Lesznik at 10:00 AM.

President Gaspar Lesznik led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by The Rev. Andy Kadzban who delivered the invocation.

President's Message

- a. Gaspar Lesznik called on Adolph Galluccio to deliver a tribute to America which he wrote 50 years ago:
 - 1. It reflects on America's history, challenges, and contribution to global freedom.
 - 2. It mentioned the significant battles and sacrifices made by American soldiers in various conflicts.
 - 3. It highlights America's role in aiding other nations and its unique status as a sovereign that allows free speech and criticisms.
 - 4. He concludes with a tribute to the nation's resilience and success despite challenges.
- b. Gaspar Lesznik talked about AU's participation in the Wyckoff Centennial Day on June 27 and asked for volunteers to help staff the AU tent.

Treasurer's Report

- a. Doug Cooper reported that we had a very successful May Luncheon at the Indian Trail Club. It ran over budget by \$211 and had a contribution of \$325 from raffle.
- b. Doug Cooper reminded everyone who has TD bank accounts to contact the bank and link their accounts to the AU Program with the bank. The bank pays AU \$10 a year for an existing account and \$25 for a new account. We collected about \$700 last year and it has been as high as \$1,000 in previous years.
- c. Doug Cooper reminded everyone to contribute to the coffee and refreshments at the General Meetings as well as to the Food Pantry.

Membership

- a. Jim Webb reported that the membership at AU is at 313, with 21 new members so far this year. Five of them were added in April:
 - Frank Manzi
 - Philip Binder
 - Chris Antone
 - Kevin Gaynor
 - Leo Donnelly
- b. Jim Webb introduced 3 new members:
 - Robert Occhipinti
 - Philip Binder
 - Kevin Gaynor
- c. Jim Webb also reminded each member to be an ambassador for AU and should have one of the AU cards to give to a prospective member.
- d. Jim Webb mentioned that he has 4 tickets left for the Yankee game on July 21, 2026.

Cares and Concerns

- a. John Toth led the group in a brain teaser riddle.
- b. Lou Guameri had a minor stroke and is at Christian Healthcare.
- c. John Toth asked members in attendance who have their birthdays in April. They were:
 - Rick Pascal
 - Mark Cohen
 - David Rajpurohit
 - John Cinquina

They were all treated with birthday cakes and candles, and John Toth led the group in the singing of Happy Birthday.

- d. The Cares and Concerns Committee sent out 3 Get well cards, 1 Thank You card, and 1 Condolence Card to the widow of a member.
- e. The Rev. Andy Kadzban announced that he and his wife are expecting their third child due in August.
- f. Another member announced that his son graduated from Bergen Community College.

Club Activities

- a. Marc Bernhardt talked about the upcoming joint meeting of the Computer Club and the Science Club next Tuesday featuring our own member Jerry Lynch talking about a Neuralink surgery implanting a BCI (Brain Computer Interface) for the treatment of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).
- b. Ken Frisco talked about the Pickleball Club who meets every Thursday at 9 AM at Passion Pickleball at Midland Park. The cost is \$14 per person, cash or credit card.
- c. Joe Pullaro announced that the History Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 PM at the VFW in Midland Park. The speaker this month is Dr. Rob Stevenson. He taught history at the college level and he is going to talk about the Revolutionary War and the myths we are generally taught about it.

- d. Ed O'Keefe announced that the Tennis Club has been playing outdoor at the Wyckoff public courts starting at 10am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The starting time will move up to 9am very soon as the weather gets warmer. All are welcome.

TRIPS AND TOURS

- a. A clipboard with a piece of paper was passed around soliciting from members who are not attending the June BBQ to indicate why they are not attending.
- b. Gaspar Lesznik and Joe Pullaro talked about the upcoming June BBQ and encouraged attendance at the door.
- c. Adolph Galluccio reported that they had 35 participants so far for the Meadowlands trip on July 11, 2026 and they were planning for 40. The price is \$79.50 per person.
- d. Joe Pullaro announced that they are working on the September Social and do not have a date yet.
- e. Tom Van Lenten stated that the luncheon at Fiona's was such a success, they are planning another Luncheon probably at Finos sometime in October.
- f. Tom Van Lenten asked for members who like to bring people together or create new events to join the T&T Committee meeting after the General Meeting and share their ideas.

Attendance

Sixty-four (64) members were in attendance.

Guest Speaker

The speaker is our own Rick Pascal who presented a program of Broadway Showstoppers. His presentation included:

- a. Anything Goes
- b. 42nd Street
- c. Jekyll and Hyde
- d. Fiddler on the Roof
- e. Man of La Mancha
- f. Les Miserables
- g. West Side Story
- h. Miss Saigon
- i. Phantom of the Opera

The General Meeting concluded at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Winston Lau
Secretary