

COVID and Us

From the Editor: This month we had a couple of general meetings in AMBUCS Park, June 23rd and 30th. (Urbana Gardens opened for inside seating and while this newsletter was in production, we went back to meeting there.) Our fundraisers are on hold and we canceled the Scarecrow Festival. We all miss seeing each other and the friendship we share so it will be good to see one another weekly again. Hopefully things will change and we can get back to helping this community. Hang in there AMBUCS!

Next General Meeting: July 21st

General Meetings: June 23rd and 30th

Fourteen members attended the June 23rd meeting in AMBUCS Park and enjoyed chicken and fixin's, and great weather. The tables were cleaned, (thanks Larry Windingland), before everyone arrived and they were already spaced more than 6 feet apart. President Renae' Strawbridge opened the meeting with the pledge and prayer and then went over items that had happened the last couple of months. Here's the short list:

Seven Amtrykes to build, Scott will do as needed.

General Meetings every two weeks (**changed to weekly**)

Thirty Five hundred dollars in grants

Amtryke Road Rally canceled until Spring, 2021

Golf fundraiser on hold

Disabilities Expo, October 10th

We will host Regional Conference in 2022

National Conference will be online Sept. 12th, must preregister

Scarecrow Festival canceled

Winning Chances June 23rd: \$7 in 50/50 won by Mary Lou Younger

Eleven members attended the June 30th meeting in AMBUCS Park and enjoyed their favorite brown-bag lunch. The new topic was to help Early Childhood with building a Sensory Garden which will be accessible to special needs children. Scott Price and Keith Jamieson had given them a plan in the Spring which got put on hold due to the pandemic. Cris Vowels asked again for help with this plan and Scott and Keith agreed to provide a list of materials. When it comes time to build, AMBUCS will be there! (That's Scott Price in the hazmat suit.)



Officers for the 2020-2021 Year

Due to the pandemic the regular Spring election of officers was not held. The existing officers were asked to continue until the chapter could start meeting again. While we did not have our regular lunch meetings in June, we moved forward with new officers. The Nominating Committee met on June 30th and approved the following slate. It was decided later that the election would be held at the **July 28th meeting** and the new officers will be installed **July 29th** at the Board Meeting. This is the first publishing of the slate as required.

Up For Election:

President Elect: Kyle Moe
Treasurer: Elaine Windingland
Secretary: Sally Denhart
Sargent at Arms: Cris Vowels
Big Hat President: Don Dunlap
Board Member: Deb Griest
Board Member: Ray Griest

Additional Officers:

Scott Price becomes President
Renaë' Strawbridge becomes Chairman of the Board
Bob Lacey serves 2nd year as Board Member
Steve Gibbs serves 2nd year as Board Member

Calendar

June 22—Golf Outing—ON HOLD

Sept. 12—Virtual National Conference

Sept. 19—Scarecrow Festival—CANCELED

Sept. 30-Oct. 3—National Conference—CANCELED; Virtual conference will replace it

Oct. 10—disAbility Expo

From the Editor

As I was writing this newsletter our world was turning upside down. As human beings, as Americans, and as AMBUCS we can't ignore current events. AMBUCS has always helped people no matter what their abilities were, no matter their race, creed, or nationality. We saw only people who needed our help. Our world needs that kind of thinking more than ever right now. We have always led by example and we must continue to do so but work harder to showcase the many positive things we do. We need to be more visible in our communities, be voices of reason and calm leadership everywhere we go. We must stand Shoulders Together and work for everyone. We can do it AMBUCS! We can make it through these tough times and create a better world! - Sally
