

## Connections

### Membership Meeting

October 18, 2022

Attendance: 43

Zoom Attendance: 2

Recorder: Lois Stalp (substitute for Linda Bakian)

### Opening

Janet Daly welcomed Connections members to this meeting. She reminded everyone to only park in the parking spots designated "CH". The High School parents are very upset when we park in any other spots.

### Membership Report

Susan Steel announced that there are now 202 members and introduced 9 new members this month. She urged all members to sign in and wear name tags.

### Nominating Committee

Donna Singer announced that the Nominating Committee consisted of herself, Denise Mosher and Pat McDonagh. The following will be the Officers of FPC-Connections as of January 1, 2023:

Brenda Brunelle – President  
Jacquie Hinrichs – First Vice President  
Marianne Siccardi – Second Vice President  
Linda Bakian – Recording Secretary  
Lee Atieh – Treasurer  
Susan J Steele – Membership Secretary

Donna recognized the two new Board Members: Jacquie Hinrichs and Marianne Siccardi.

Donna mentioned that all attendees of meetings and activities complete an application form prior to attending. No one is allowed to just show up.

## Treasurer's Report

Lee Atieh informed the group that as of 9-22-22 there was a balance of \$15,383.85 in the FPC-Connections Bank Account. This included income from dues. Expenses consisted of payment to the church, meeting refreshments, prior month's speaker, deposit for next year's Harmony Tea Room trip, and security for the Adobe website.

## Constant Contact

Donna Singer is holding another training session in November for Activity Leaders. If the Leader cannot attend, a member of their group can take her place. Constant Contact is beneficial in order to maintain data and to enable Activity Leaders ease in scheduling their events in advance.

## Activity Leaders' Announcements

Luncheons – Denise Santora Mosher announced that our next luncheon will be held at Mado Restaurant in River Edge, NJ on October 27, 2022. Village Grill in Waldwick, NJ will be the following luncheon on November 22, 2022. No luncheon in December.

Trips -Carolyn Seibel announced that the Bucks County Playhouse trip on 12-1-22 is sold out. If anyone is still interested, she said they should contact Donna Singer.

A trip is planned to go to The Harmony Tea Room in Westwood, NJ on 2-10-23.

In mid-May 2023, she is planning a chocolate tour in Brooklyn, NY.

Mahjong – Brenda Brunelle has been giving Mahjong lessons to new players.

PBS Masterpiece Theater – Carol Maloney announced they will be meeting at the Church at 1:00 pm on 10-19-22 and on 11-16-22. All are invited to attend even if they were not able to watch the programs. No December meeting.

Book Club 4 – Patricia Nell announced their meetings are held at the NW Bergen Regional Senior Center. Normally, meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. However, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November meeting will be held on 11-3-22.

Walking. Janet Daly announced they meet at 9:15 am at the last parking lot at the Ridgewood Duck Pond for a four-mile walk.

Cooking Club – Donna Singer hosted a delicious French Cooking Luncheon at her home on 10-17-22 with 14 members attending. She prepared the main course and everyone else prepared appetizers, sides and desserts. Marie Cestola will be hosting a similar luncheon at her home on 10-19-22. Donna Singer stated they are deciding on the format for the future. She welcomes any suggestions.

It is important for all participants to RSVP to all activities.

Brenda Brunelle and Nancy Drew hosted a Murder Mystery Game following the meeting.

Brenda Brunelle announced that an artist will be a guest at the next meeting, which will be held on 11-1-22, giving instructions on how to Tie Dye tee shirts. Each member is responsible to bring their own tee shirt.