

Power of Together 2 Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2017

Karen Stone opened the meeting by welcoming current members, new members, and guests. She reported that membership is now over 100, and that our five previous meetings have yielded donations totaling \$38,400, including \$10,250 from the most recent meeting in April. The recipient of that last donation was the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern CT, who were represented by Catherine Foley and Temple Graham. They described the mission and impact of their organization, and Catherine stated that the funds provided from PoT will support summer “after school” programs for local students from New London as well as other nearby towns. In this way, the Boys and Girls Club is able to provide activities and mentorship to school-age children so that they’ll have a destination and some positive structure to their lives during the summer months.

Eight people submitted their names to “the hat,” and the following three were drawn at random:

1. Spike Lobdell, speaking on behalf of New England Science and Sailing (NESS). He specifically cited the need for life jackets and computers to further their mission.
2. Cindy Fortner, speaking for Community Speaks Out (CSO). This Groton-based organization provides various means of support to local individuals and families struggling with addiction to opioids.
3. Gigi Little, the founder of A Good Laugh, a group that works to use humor to ease the burden of individuals and care-givers suffering from Alzheimer’s Disease and other chronic disorders.

The organization receiving the most votes was CSO. For those unable to attend the meeting, please send checks made out to Community Speaks Out or CSO to Karen Stone at 217 Noank Rd., Mystic CT 06355. As always, we hope to present our collective contribution as soon as possible.

Our next meeting will take place on Oct. 10, same Mystic VFW location.