

ASSP Lowcountry Chapter
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2020

1. Regular Monthly Meeting called to order by Bob Heck, President, at 11:02.
 - a. The meeting was a virtual meeting held on Zoom
 - b. Bob welcomed attendees and provided guidelines for a successful virtual meeting
 - c. Minutes taken by Ken Warren - Secretary
 - d. Attendance – 29 persons
 - e. Membership was asked if any new members were in attendance – one new member reported (Ken Ball), and several returning members and long distance former members
1. Old Business
 - a. Meeting(s)
 - i. Chapter back on track for the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be December 15, 2020.
 1. Due to the COVID uptick nationwide, the Chapter will table in person meeting considerations until 2021. Note that National (ASSP) defers decision making on in-person meetings to Chapters but recommends following 'society-wide guidance'. National has shifted all in-person courses and experience to virtual through March 31, 2021.
 - b. Toys for Tots Drive – Bob Heck asked if anyone purchased and/or collected toys? Bob advised to drop toys off to him at Ingevity or just take to Drop-off Center. Jayne Carswell suggested taking photo of drop-off and sending to her for website. Bob said that he is willing to pick-up toys if necessary.
 - c. Jayne mentioned that in the past, the Chapter bought child bike helmets (about \$200 worth) and donated. She said that she will handle if Chapter decides but no commitment made in the following discussion.
 - d. Bob stated that there is a need to update Chapter web page and Jayne Carswell said that she will do.
2. New Business
 - a. Meeting(s) – Bob Heck asked for feedback from the members on:
 - i. Did the group have any December Chapter meeting ideas – including a speaker or topic? The current plan is to have a December Monthly Meeting.
 - ii. Bob also asked the Group for ideas for future meetings – he stated that if you have an interest in participating, we need you!
 - iii. Spring PDC – logistics and planning. The PDC will be held either live or virtual in April 2021. – Bob asked if someone would like to volunteer to take the lead on the PDC.
 - b. Community Support Opportunities
 - i. Other than Toys for Tots drive, Bob Heck asked the group for other ideas for Community Support.
3. Treasurer Report
 - a. Treasurer was not present but Bob Heck reported current balances: \$3,558.42 in Savings account and \$9,424.89 in Checking account.
4. Good of the Group – Additional information for the Group
 - a. Bob Heck asked the Group if anyone needed support from the Chapter? He asked if the Chapter could do things to improve?
 - b. Bob reported that SafetyFOCUS 2021 will move from an eight-day in-person conference in Las Vegas to a 10-day online event. Attendees should mark their calendars for Feb. 8-12 and 15-19 to join the immersive education experience.
 - c. Bob also mentioned there are many resources for education and information and much of it was free. He provided the following websites for information.
 - i. Region6.assp.org
 - ii. www.Assp.org
 - d. Bob also announced Scholarships and Grants are still available from the ASSP Foundation. Over 150 awards are issued each year. Information can be found at the ASSP Foundation

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- e. One participant asked the group for information on implementation of behavior-based safety during the pandemic. Several participants provided information.
 - f. Bob provided information on the recent rise in COVID cases and the problem compounded by the upcoming seasonal flu. He stated that the symptoms appear very similar. Bob also mentioned the increase in OSHA violations and fines associated with COVID and the primary issue appeared to be respirators.
5. Bob Heck then introduced the guest speaker for the education program:
- a. **Speaker - Laura Davis, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Lowcountry Office of Public Health Preparedness, SCDHEC**
 - b. **Topic – Closed Points of Dispensing (POD) – COVID vaccine Planning**
6. The meeting ended at 12:00 noon
7. Next meeting is December 15, 2020