

Subject: Sept. 21, 2016 WANJ minutes

The Sept. 21, 2016 meeting of the Watchmakers' Association of NJ was held at Tarantella's Restaurant, Raritan Ave., Clark, NJ. The meeting was opened by President Rich Cuny at 7:05 PM. We have lost our meeting room and night at St. Helen's and so need to find another venue.

In attendance were: Rich Cuny, Hans Weber, Henry Shotwell, Fred Merkel, David Dikun, Dale Sutton, Reuben Simpson, Mark Weber, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Osnato, Adolph Stanitsch Sam Goldberg, Past President of WANJ in 1963/4 and several guests.

Dale Sutton reported that he had re-instated our corporation status, and had negotiated a sizeable discount in the re-instatement fees. Our annual reporting fee will be \$25.00 for the foreseeable future. Virtually all our checking and savings accounts have been consolidated. Both Dale and Rich Cuny are listed as signatories as "either/or both" signers.

Dale has acquired from AWCI, a list of all AWCI members in our general area. From this list, we will mount a recruiting effort when we find a suitable meeting place. Several suggestions were offered, and David Dikun offered to investigate both the Clark and Westfield libraries. Dale also reported that Jack _____ from AWCI will be in the area, attending a course at Swatch group, and will be willing to address our November meeting. Dale will represent us at the AWCI annual meeting to be held in Chicago. Dues notices for the 2017 year should go out in October.

A discussion followed, centering on the common membership problems in all watchmaker groups, and on strategies for generating new members. The New York Horological Society was cited as an example of a group that has expanded its roster recently. President Cuny will ask AWCI for a copy of their NJ membership list, so that we can institute an outreach for new members

Dale Sutton gave a presentation on Columbus pocket watches and the company's history.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8 pm. A general discussion on horological matters ensued.

Our next meeting will be announced in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry P. Shotwell,
Secretary