



## **Hanover Rotary Club Minutes**

10/17/18

**Hanover Rotarians:** 17.5

**Visiting Rotarians:** 3 - Tim Amos (from Mechanicsville Club), Celeste Cohen and Arnie Cohen (from Anchorage, Alaska)

**Guests:** 3

**Speaker(s):** Dr. Clinton Ballard, Principal of Stonewall Jackson Middle School, Sarah Gathright- School Counselor and Scott Rowe- Teacher at Stonewall Jackson Middle School.

**Invocation:** Tim

**Pledge:** Martin

### **Important Dates:**

- 11/01- Hardywood in Goochland. Will meet at 6pm for a tour. No meeting 10/31.
- 12/6- Christmas Party -date confirmed. Ashcreek Clubhouse. Sign up list will come around soon.
- Board Meeting last Wednesday night. Thanks to all who helped make the Raise Coffee event Sunday so successful. Thank Sal-he donated food for the event as well. Chick Fil-A, Jersey Mikes and Chianti's supported the event. We have raised \$4000 of the \$5000 committed from our club. See Mike if you want to donate. Donations are matched. Thanks to Joann for taking pictures. Next step is training so that we can assist with events and assist them as needed to give parents a break.
- Norm- Foundation Board meeting after tonight's meeting
- Rotary minute from Ken- Rotary Geography. 3 clubs in Hanover County. Japan has 143 clubs with Tokyo in their name. 9 clubs in Anchorage, Alaska.
- Peanut Sales- don't forget to get your forms to Joann.
- Clean up this Saturday-9am- meet at Lee Family Dentistry.

### **Other Announcements:**

- Bring a guest to the next meeting- that's your challenge.

### **Program:**

Dr. Quentin Ballard- Principal of Stonewall Jackson Middle School, Sarah Gathright- Director of Counseling at Stonewall Jackson Middle School and Scott Rowe- Teacher @ Stonewall Jackson Middle School. Mentoring Program presentation.

- Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful
- Mentoring is a great to get students connected to someone outside of their family and teacher who can assist them with life's challenges. They also help bring joy and tap into themselves to maximize their potential.
- Goal is to have a positive impact in the lives of kids.
- Statistics- 1 out of 3 students will finish school without a mentor. More than 50% of at risk students that have a mentor are likely to enroll in college or get into the workforce. 75% will do service and give back. 90% will become mentors. Over 130% will enter into a lifelong profession.

- Program began in 2016. This is their 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Joint effort with Hanover Public Schools and the Virginia Mentoring Partnership. The VA Mentoring Partnership trains the mentors.
- Qualifications- the desire to help children and pass a background check.
- The Vision-The SJMS Mentorship Program strives to cultivate the whole student by equipping them with the skills and confidence needed to thrive. Through the mentorship program, students will have the opportunity to strengthen their school/community connection while also enhancing their cultural and social awareness. In order to accomplish our program objectives, it will be paramount that students be present in school to partner with their parents & mentors to access various levels of support.
- Program Objectives- bolster goal-setting, decision-making and communication skills develop leaders, foster self-confidence, instill the values of respect, responsibility, and effort. Life Skills
- Who gets invited? 3 target areas: student who struggle academically, students with discipline concerns and average to high achieving students who may benefit social from team building.
- 2016- 12 Students, 16 students the next year and projected to have 20 this year.
- Mentors- 6/11/10 Internal and 6/5/10 external mentors, 2016 to this year.
- Meeting Structure: Ice Breaker, Focus Activity, and Catch-up, mentors encouraged to meet at least once in between the regularly scheduled meetings. Focus Activities- study skills, leadership, goal-setting, respect, bullying and bystander effect, stress management, future educational planning.
- SJ Wants You- commitment: 1 evening for mentor training, 1 monthly structured group meeting, 1 flexibly scheduled monthly between mentor and mentee. And possibly attending off-site field trips such as Flying Squirrels education day or the General Assembly of Virginia.
- Looking to continually expand program to service more students.
- Contact Sarah Gathright at [sgathright@hcps.us](mailto:sgathright@hcps.us) or call her at (804) 723-2260 if you are interested in becoming a mentor.
- Check presentation to group from the Hanover Rotary Foundation.

**4-Way Test:** Marshall 😊