

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Larry followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 17 members were present. Judy gave the Treasurer's Report.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	Previous Balance	\$3585.01
	Income	1455.00
	Expenses	577.24
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	Balance	\$4462.77

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by:
George Kunkle, 2nd by Frank Mertz
All were in favor, motion carried

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January 2024 meeting were read.
Motion to accept the secretary's report made by:
Dave Kost and 2nd by Joe Curran
All were in favor, motion carried with a question from Dave regarding the deadline for payment of dues and the administration fee added if paid after May 31st.

Larry assured everyone that this would be acceptable to members and in the best interests of the Club. We have to enforce some restrictions so as to not be collecting dues throughout the entire year.

Before business was conducted Larry announced that Joe Boyle's wife passed away over the week-end. There is a viewing on Sunday from 2PM to 3PM with service to follow. Dave Kost made a motion for the club to send flowers or a fruit basket. Her obituary stated that a donation to the Carbon County Animal Rescue would be appreciated in lieu of flowers. A donation of \$75.00 will be made to that organization. Judy will send that out this week.

Old Business:

As of February 21st, we have 147 members. 110 members paid and 37 members are unpaid. Former members who did not pay dues for 2023 were removed from the 2024 member list.

The food for the Christmas party was brought up and some people felt that DiMaggio's food was better than what Capriotti's provided. It was suggested that we start earlier than November to book a caterer for the Christmas party. The food should also be sampled prior to making a decision. Whomever is chosen must provide the same kind of service we received from Capriotti's. There was much less stress on the Club members and the event was better as the caterer performed much of the set up and take down.

It was agreed that the old dash plaques be put out at the cruises for people to take at no charge. This is a goodwill gesture and should also hopefully help to clear some space of having and storing them.

Everyone agreed that we should move to the email platform when sending out renewals. If someone doesn't have a computer or printer, we will mail the information to them.

Larry is still working on Zoom and Teams. Zoom was pretty much ready to go but it was brought up at the last meeting that it is difficult to get on Zoom in some areas so Larry is also looking into Teams. We will need the new computer to proceed with either one.

The computer we purchased from Joe Barone will be returned to him and he will reimburse the Club \$300. Larry will take that money and add to it in order to purchase a computer with more memory and the capabilities to handle the needs of the Club and last for several years. If pictures are going to be stored, it may be wise to purchase an external drive to hold the pictures rather than using the space on the computer since pictures take up a lot of memory. Dave Kost made a motion to purchase a better, faster computer and an external hard drive. It was agreed that it is well worth the additional cost to get a computer that the Club can use for years. It was seconded by Steve Berger, all were in favor, motion carried.

Larry spoke with Tim about still performing the Webmaster functions until we get everything in place. Larry thanked Tim for his years of service and Tim agreed to continue until the new Webmaster is ready. Once we get the new computer, Debbie will get trained and take over.

The new membership cards were picked up and are being distributed. They will be available at all of the cruises. An email blast will go out asking members to pick them up at one of the cruises. If they are unable to do so, the card will be mailed. In the future the cards will be emailed and will be printed

New Business:

New Members

Steve & Cindy Kovalchik
Northampton, PA
Sponsored by Steve Berger

Patrick Rogers
Jim Thorpe, PA
Sponsored by Steve Berger

Motion was made to accept all new members by Harry Lewis and seconded by Dave Curran. All were in favor, motion carried.

Pat Rogers brought everyone up to date on the T-shirt project with the Firehouse and the Cruisers. Larry asked if our website could be added to shirt. Pat said he would make that change. He also told us that the Fire House was undergoing renovations and food choices may be limited for the April cruise. They will keep us informed and we will send out an email blast if the menu will be limited. The collaboration between the Club and the Fire House is an important one of mutual respect, admiration and mutual benefit. We have worked together extremely well over the past few years.

Larry will be talking to Joe at Mauch Chunk Bank to remove old signors and to get Judy on the bank account.

It was mentioned that Rich Heiser is ill. Richard Beers is in hospice. He sold his car and will not renew his membership.

JoAnne will send an email to the individuals who only paid \$15.00 and advise them that dues are \$25.00 per family even if only one individual joins.

Larry sent an email blast with the prices of the new apparel for the sake of clarity and good communication. The apparel will be available at all cruises.

Steve and Tom cleaned out the closet and got rid of 2 boxes to make more room for supplies.

Steve picked up more door prizes for \$103.00. Judy will write him a check. Dave Miller from Miller Supply donated 7 items and Car Quest is going to donate some products. We purchased a new white board and will acknowledge any businesses donating to the Club and encourage members to patronize these businesses. It was also suggested to send an email blast to acknowledge anyone making donations to the Club.

We received a check from Lehighon Parade Committee for 5th place. They asked if we wanted to donate it back to the organization. Frank Mertz made a motion to return the prize and Harry Lewis seconded. All were in favor, motion carried. Judy will mail the check back tomorrow.

Steve stated Brush My Stuff by Pooch does pin striping and he had his El Camino done and they did a great job.

Judy mentioned that we got a \$100 donation from Karen Brandis and a \$25.00 donation from Paul & Diane Sabol to be used for a young person wanting to join the Club or someone with a financial hardship. We will have to pick someone that the Club will bestow this upon.

Larry commended and thanked Judy Turner for jumping right in to her new position and helping out.

With there being no further business, A motion was made by Joe Curran, Sr to adjourn, 2nd by Dave Curran. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting closed for business at 7:57 PM