

Minutes JBCCC Meeting September 11, 2024

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. JoAnn read the minutes from the previous meeting.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	Previous Balance	\$6664.98
	Income	6886.00
	Expenses	5114.63
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	Balance	\$8436.35

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by:
Dave Kost, 2nd by Dave Curran and George Kunkle. All were in favor, motion carried

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August 2024 meeting were read
Motion to accept the secretary's report made by:
Joe Curran, seconded by Dave Curran and Steve Berger.
All were in favor, motion carried

Prior to the start of the meeting Larry asked for a moment of silence to remember the victims of 9/11 on the 23rd anniversary.

He also announced that Matt Boyer passed away a few days ago in an auto accident. He was a good friend and benefactor of the Club. There will be a Memorial Car Show on October 12th in his honor.

Joe Barone had a stroke last Friday. He is doing well and he is on the mend, both he and Donna agreed to let everyone know. As a former President, the Club greatly benefitted from his leadership. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Old Business:

As of September 11, 2024 we have 165 members. 144 members paid and 21 members are unpaid

Larry commented again on the success of the car show for Larissa. He said it was the most perfect event we could have sponsored. The family was very happy and Larissa was very touched by the whole thing. Again, everyone spoke very highly of our Club.

JoAnn gave Larry a list of the members who haven't paid yet. An email was sent out last month. We had a few responses. Larry will try to reach out to them via a phone call. Debby will make sure non-members will be removed from the google email list. The people who signed up in late August will be moved to September 1st with no dues required for 2025.

The event at the Germantown Grove Club on August 31st was great. The food was excellent, the people were very gracious. The Club is very appreciative for this. 16 people showed up. The weather was a factor which affected the turnout. We might possibly have a Club picnic there in the future. Many thanks to Pat Rodgers for organizing it.

New T-shirts were available for the July and August Cruises. Debby brought up the fact that on the hooded items, the logo cannot be seen when the hood lays in place. This was noted and we will ask the manufacturer to move it down on the next order.

A letter will be sent to The Mahoning Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center thanking them for their continued support. Larry thanked Harry again for his efforts in organizing this event.

Leighton Ford was happy with their event even though the weather did not cooperate. We donated \$163 to their cause. Larry made a connection with the DJ that was there. Doc Lane Rogers of Colossal Radio volunteered his services to the Club whenever we may need them. He said he would also promote the Club on the radio.

Larry spoke with Dale regarding the Tamaqua show. It is scheduled for Sunday September 22nd. We will be in the St Luke's parking lot. Everything is set up for us. It will be from 10AM – 2PM. Dave Kost and Harry Lewis will take the lead on this event. This event is built around us. We need our members to fully participate.

So far the Christmas party is planned to be at La Dolce Casa on December 11th. We are fine-tuning the menu. It will be a fully decorated venue. We will still take donations for the animals. Steve will take the lead on this. We are going to try this avenue for the Christmas party. Everything will be done for us. Members can just attend and enjoy themselves. We have the money to do it this year. We spent over \$2000 last year and the hall rental of \$600 would be added to this. Judy commented that having the party at a restaurant would give all of the members, especially those that volunteer to work the party, a chance to enjoy themselves without having to serve food, sell merchandise or 50/50 tickets. We will get feedback after the party. If everyone is pleased, we can continue in this fashion. If not, we can try something else next year. There will be a cash bar. We average about 100 people so we are basing it on past attendance. We will find out if we can bring speakers for music and a microphone for announcements and if they will provide tables for Pollyanna gifts and animal donations.

Larry is keeping the lines of communication with Eileen from Polk Twp. Fire Co in case we need to change our venue. The Firehouse is also an option in case we need to change our venue.

The car show at TNT on Friday August 16th was a success. 88 cars were there and they had great weather.

By-laws will be reviewed by the officers with recommendations as soon as they can.

New Business

Larry is working on a Welcome Kit for new members for next year.

The officers met to discuss the donations for this year. We have already donated over \$1000 to various organizations including the fire victims, Larissa, CCTI, and St. Joe's so it was decided to hold off until the end of the year to see what is left in the kitty. We have a lot of expenditures coming up. We will be spending about \$2600 on the Christmas Party, another \$2800 on merchandise and we want to keep enough money on hand in case of any unexpected emergencies. We also will be donating to Matt Boyer. A motion was made by Joe Curran and seconded by Dave Curran to donate \$200 to the Matt Boyer Memorial Car Show. All were in favor, motion carried.

We made the second fire victim donation to the Christine Ferguson family on September 5th.

Debby made a typewritten list of all the events coming up. Please feel free to take one. Mrs. Bush's is coming up on Sept 21st. Larry stressed how certain events are inherently ours where we are a major part of it. Mrs. Bush's is one of them. You can pre-register by calling them. They are trying to get a head count.

Lansford Alive is coming up on September 28th. Joe Boyle will take the lead on this event. Larry ran down the list of events coming up. Our last cruise will be on Friday October 11 starting at 4PM.

Steve Berger asked if it was possible next Spring to have a "surprise" Car Show to honor his sister Mary who has been battling cancer for the past 9 years. Mary was pivotal in planning the car show in connection with St. John's Church last year. It gave us a lot of recognition. We will discuss the details and date more in the future.

New Members:

Kenneth & Melissa Redline – Jim Thorpe, PA
Sponsored by Frank Mertz

Scott Rhodes – Leighton, PA
Sponsored by Judy Turner

Evan Hartmann – Jim Thorpe, PA
Sponsored by Judy Turner

John Mark Gilkeson & Grace Vandermartin
Nesquehoning, PA
Sponsored by Larry Gould

Jerry & Dawn Atwell – Jim Thorpe, PA
Sponsored by Steve Berger

John & Cheryl Kelly – Drums, PA
Sponsored by Steve Berger

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

Larry commended Debby on the job she is doing and also acknowledged that today was her birthday. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to her.

Larry stated that nominations for officers are coming up. Dave Kost made a motion to keep the existing officers, Joe Curran seconded, and all were in favor and motion carried. The officers accepted the nominations and accepted being voted in for another term making it official. We appreciate the confidence you have in all of us.

It was decided to back off on the sweatshirts until next year since we will not be selling any merchandise at the Christmas party. Dave Kost suggested we use that money for donations to some of the organizations we contributed to in the past. Shepherd House and Turn to Us being two of them.

Debby informed us that she is still learning the ins and outs of managing the website. She did ask members to send pictures from any of the events we sponsor or participate in and they will eventually get uploaded to the website.

Steve Berger made a motion to donate \$500 to the Mauch Chunk Rod & Gun Club. It was seconded by Dave Kost and Dave Curran, all were in favor and motion carried. Larry and Steve made the presentation to them at the end of the meeting. They were very appreciative.

Dave Curran asked if we could send a thank you note the Ladies and Men's Auxiliary of the Orioles Club for their donation to the Cruise for Larissa. JoAnn will draft the letter and email to Dave to present to them.

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Joe Curran to adjourn, seconded by Dave Curran. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting closed for business at 8:26 PM