Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Larry followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 14 members were present. Larry wished everyone a Happy New Year. Judy gave the Treasurer's Report. JoAnn read the minutes from the previous meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**: Previous Balance \$9020.09

Income 100.00 Expenses 274.85

Balance November\$8845.24December income485.45December Expenses3051.48December balance\$6278.76

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by:

Dave Kost, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Curran and Tom Whitely. All were in favor, motion carried

**Secretary's Report**: Minutes from the November 2024 meeting were read

Motion to accept the secretary's report made by:

Dave Kost, seconded by Joe Curran All were in favor, motion carried

Webmaster Report Debby reported that birthdays are up to date. The domain was renewed. Price for

the website will probably increase. It should renew around September or October. She thanked Dave Curran for helping out with the Facebook Page. Phil Botti (who is a highly respected past Vice-President of the Club) will be added to the birthdays

immediately.

## Old Business:

As of January 8, 2025 we have 153 paid members. As previously stated, all 2024 unpaid members have been removed from the active member list. We are 47 away from our goal of 200.

Judy brought up the Boomers Car Club Event for Autism. It is supposed to be a very big with many cars, Clubs and music. They have a large grove where it will be held. They would really like us to be involved. It is still scheduled for May 31, 2025. Larry told their President that we would support their cause. We have a high level of esteem as a Club and want to keep it that way. Joe Curran suggested we get an area just for our club to park the cars.

Larry also directed that the events that we have already committed to be put on our calendar.

We got a very nice thank you card from the Barachie's which goes on to say thank you for the generous donation in memory of Larissa.

We sold a couple pieces of apparel at the Christmas party and did very well with the 50/50 ticket sale. The winner very kindly donated the money back to the Club. As such, the Club did well at the Christmas Party.

The Christmas party was a huge success. The décor was beautiful. The service was great. Everything was timed perfectly. We had a table set up in memory of our deceased members. It was suggested that we continue to do this. The pet donations were numerous and Steve delivered them to the respective shelters which benefitted local dogs and cats. They were grateful as always.

Larry announced that Pat Rogers informed him that the new President of the Firehouse told him as far as the Cruisers go, no contract, no problems, status quo, just go with it. This leaves everything as is. This event not only brings us together but brings people from the outside to the Firehouse and those people that our Club draws in could be potential customers for the Firehouse. It was brought up that given the past issues with the Firehouse that maybe we should consider a contract. After discussing it, the consensus was that we have a verbal contract and have had it for the past 10 years and that should be a precedent that should hold up. Pat showed up at that point and offered his opinion on the contract situation. Pat was basically told "Don't lose any money". Larry stated again that this is a win-win situation for both. Pat brought up dates of our Car Cruises that may conflict with other larger events and that the attendance at the cruises may suffer.

A tentative cruise schedule was brought up and dates were discussed. After a detailed discussion, it was decided to change the April cruise to May 2<sup>nd</sup> and move the Cruise date set for the 4<sup>th</sup> week in May to the 5<sup>th</sup> week in May moving it to May 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a strategic move because the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in May is also the Memorial Day holiday. weekend. This change will allow the Club to see if the moving of dates will be a good move. The rest of the dates will remain the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month with the exception of October, which is usually the second Friday of October due to weather concerns. Milan Printing said he has a hard time getting special neon colored paper for our Cruise schedules. He has Neon pink so we will go with that color. We will have 1000 sheets printed at Milan and Judy will pick them up when they are ready. This is expected to give us adequate Cruise schedules so that we can distribute them freely at many venues. JoAnne will get 153 printed at her local printer for mailing with the renewals and the newsletter. These dates will have to be approved by the Firehouse before the schedules are printed. We should have the final approval from the Firehouse by January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

No new news about the Mahoning Valley Car shows. It's more of a summer event. Debby and Frank will look into it further and advise us accordingly.

Joe Curran heard that the Boyers may have sold their property.

It has been decided to just use a heavier paper stock for the membership cards for this year. We have to do further research to do what we would like to do as far as having a permanent plastic membership card made.

Larry brought up the event for our Club 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration event in 2026. He asked people to think about it again. The Grange at Beltzville was brought up as a venue. It would be nice to have flyers printed to announce it. A date in July has to be decided upon so reservations can be made with wherever it is to be held. It should be a Saturday with a rain date of Sunday.

A discussion regarding the By-laws ensued. Some changes were suggested. Larry will incorporate some of these changes along with changed put forth by the committee and a working draft will be created, reviewed and polished. A final draft (whenever ready) will be presented to the members for approval.

Joe Curran suggested we table the donations until the next meeting since the attendance at this meeting is low and it is freezing outside.

Steve will bring us up to date for the "surprise" Car Show to honor Mary Berger.

## **New Business**

Dave Kost suggested we have a car show in Weatherly where he is a resident. He can secure the park as a venue since he is resident. We will have to come up with a date. He also suggested we draw up a letter on letterhead for him to present to several local business to sponsor the trophies for this particular show. He will hand-deliver the letters to different businesses. Dave will take care of the flyers for the show. I will email the completed letter to Dave and he will run off the necessary copies.

It was suggested and (pre-approved) that we get a Bluetooth speaker for the Club so that an Officer(s) that might be unable to attend a meeting can call in and be more easily heard and can more easily hear.

## **New Member:**

Michael T. Radocha Coaldale, PA Sponsored by Deb Kunkel

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

Automania is going on at Ag Hall in Allentown on January 17-19 2025.

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Joe Curran to adjourn, seconded by George Kunkel. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting closed for business at 8:30 PM