Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Larry followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 18 members were present. Judy gave the Treasurer's Report. JoAnn read the minutes from the previous meeting.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> :	Previous Balance Income Expenses	\$7860.36 1492.00 2687.38
	Balance	\$6664.98
	Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by: Frank Mertz, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Joe Curran. All were in favor, motion carried	
<u>Secretary's Report</u> :	Minutes from the July 2024 meeting were read Motion to accept the secretary's report made by: Dave Kost, seconded by Dave Curran. All were in favor, motion carried	

## Old Business:

As of August 14, 2024 we have 159 members. 138 members paid and 21 members are unpaid. Larry asked for a list of the members not paid to date.

The Car Show to benefit Larissa Barachie on August 10 was a huge success. We had 86 cars on display and 89 baskets to raffle. There were also some individual donations. Harry Lewis made a motion that the Club make an additional donation of \$200. All were in favor and the motion carried. We were able to give Larissa \$4268. Larry commended the members who worked diligently on this event to make it as successful as it was. It was beautiful and well executed. The group photo taken at the event for Larissa was given to Dave to put on Facebook. Larry will send it out to members. We will send a thank you card to Bill and Donna Gentile for donating their time providing entertainment and Matt Boyer for use of his property and his participation in the event.

Larry spoke with Mark, the President of the Firehouse and everything will remain status quo until next year. They will get together after the final cruise and discuss how to go forward for 2025.

JoAnn and Larry are communicating with the members who haven't paid yet. We had a few responses. We will try to get some of them back

The invitation from Pat Rodgers to the Germantown Grove Club is scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup> Larry encouraged members to participate. Pat suggested that we may want to have a picnic in the future.

Another T-shirt order was placed and the new merchandise was available for the July Cruise. The T-shirts are popular and have been selling well. It was suggested that we get baseball hats to sell. We will look into it for next year.

Steve gave a t-shirt to Joe Snedecker from WNEP TV for the Go Joe event. Steve offered to pay for the shirt but everyone agreed that it should be a donation from the Club. We received a thank you letter from WNEP TV for our donation.

The Mahoning Valley car show was a success. There were 53 cars, two more than last year. The Club netted \$1066 plus \$80 in merchandise. Larry thanked Harry for organizing the event. The food was good and reasonably priced. Larry heard many comments about how great our Club is and how much it is respected.

Frank Mertz and Joe Barone represented the Club at National Night Out at Memorial Park in Jim Thorpe. Frank got us in and got us a table there. We handed out some of the old dash plaques. We received a thank you letter from the Jim Thorpe Chief of Police for our participation.

Nick from Lehighton Ford was concerned about the weather for Saturday. We will wait until later in the week to decide. We may get it in before the bad weather hits.

Larry spoke with Dale regarding the Tamaqua show. It looks like September 7<sup>th</sup> would work for them. A back-up of September 14 was also suggested.

We need to start thinking about the Christmas party especially where it will be held. If we continue at the Firehouse, we will have to pay \$600 for the room. Donna Barone brought up the idea of having it at a restaurant that can handle us, and then that \$600 could be used toward the party. Dave Kost made a motion to book the party as soon as possible. Joe Curran seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. Joe Barone mentioned that La Dolce Casa in Tamaqua can accommodate 100+ people, the restaurant will be decorated and everything would be handled by them. He booked a tentative date of December 11<sup>th</sup>. If something else turns up, we can cancel. Tom Whiteley suggested that we make a decision by the next Club meeting. One thing in our favor is our party is on a Wednesday evening when venues are less busy an tend to be available.

Larry spoke with Eileen from Polk Twp Fire Co. to keep that line of communication open in case we need to change our venue. She is also putting together a menu for catering the Christmas party.

## New Business:

There is a car show at TNT on Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-8PM. There will be a DJ and food.

Debby made a suggestion that the By-Laws should be reviewed and updated. The Board will review and make suggestions and then present recommendations to members for a vote.

Larry would like to get a list together to figure out to whom we are going to donate. This will be done at the next meeting.

We got a donation from the Take Down Club for the families affected by the fire. We will make a presentation at the August cruise. Dave Curran will contact the families. A motion was made by Harry Lewis and seconded by Dave Curran to have the Club add a donation of \$200 in addition to what was collected. All were in favor, motion carried. A total of \$1248 was collected and will be split between both families. Steve will try to contact the Times News.

Joe Barone mentioned that we should consider looking back over the years for the organizations that received donations from the Club and at our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event announce how much money we have donated over the past 25 years.

CCTI is having their Open House on October 16<sup>th</sup> and would still like the Club to participate.

## **New Members:**

Rachel Iola Taras – Walnutport, PA Sponsored by Steve Berger Jeff & Sharon Elder – Lehighton, PA Sponsored by Joe Curran, Sr

Kathy & Peter McGuire – Jim Thorpe, PAW Sponsored by Judy Turner

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

With there being no further business, A motion was made by Joe Curran to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Curran & George Kunkel and everyone else. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting closed for business at 8:18 PM