



Minutes of November 12, 2015 General Membership meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** -Alan Heatherwick
- 3) **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll, with 9 directors and 16 members and guests present.
- 4) **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
No exceptions to the "minutes as published" were noted. Pat Noonan motioned to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Russ Hossbach and was carried by all present.
- 5) **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
Fred reported that he received \$95 in dues this month, \$333.80 for our share of the wheat, and a donation to the club from Jane & Ron Crawford Sr. He paid out \$24 for magnets, \$543.30 for our ¼ page ad in "Farm Collector" magazine, \$63.80 for food and crib supplies, and \$199.04 for picnic expenses. That leaves us a balance of \$7146.80 in the checkbook.
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Ron Schubbe motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Dennis Christiansen seconded the motion, which was carried by all present.
- 6) **Old Business**
Alan Heatherwick stated that all "2015 Show" responsibilities have been settled, and it has been officially "put to bed".

Connie reported that the Christmas Party will be held at the Wilton Town Hall on January 17, 2016, at 1 PM. It will be a potluck lunch of turkey and ham. The Kestels will donate a turkey, and Carol Hossbach will provide a ham. I'm told that this facility has a full kitchen.

Members please bring a dish to share:

A-F Dessert
G-M Hot Potato Dish
N-S Hot vegetable Dish
T-Z Salads (jello, fruit, apple, etc.)

The club will provide table service, pop and water.

We are in need of "Silent Auction" donations for the party. It was suggested that this was an opportunity to make use of those unwanted gifts.

7) New Business

Toy Show schedule/ Raffle ticket sales

Brad

Sublette – March 19-20 Featuring MM...so this is a good year to have a Minnie pedal tractor

Peotone – Jan.16

Serena – March 6

Seneca –April 3

Brad would welcome any and all volunteers to help sell raffle tickets at these shows

We have a JD pedal tractor, complete with an umbrella and wagon, donated by Tom Gifford of "Circle Tractor", Homer Glen, IL. We also have a Minneapolis Moline pedal tractor, also with matching wagon, and both have a WCTA decal on the back.

2016 Show Layout

Al passed around a revised copy of the layout for this year's show, and asked for any comments or suggestions. If anything comes to mind later on, please speak up.

Advertising

Al contacted Erin, who told him she was busy at this time, but would get back to him in January or February.

Craft / Flea Market

Kim Schaefer is busy contacting crafters. John Walencik reported that he has 1 vendor coming with antiques & toys, 2 food vendors offering various hamburger/sausage sandwiches & kettle corn. We also have an ice cream vendor, and a sign maker coming.

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8) Brad's Remarks

Brad was looking back into past newsletters and discovered that the newsletter became available in e-mail form in 2006. He also discovered a list of loans made to the club. From what he could tell, only one loan was ever repaid. It was agreed that we need to start repaying them.

Connie wanted to remind everyone that she doesn't get a lot of donations for the white elephant sale in the country store tent. I'm sure we all have things in attics and basements which could be used to benefit our club. I suggest we start collecting now while it is slow for the winter.

Fred brought "Tractor House" magazines to view, and Alan offered Sm. Engine magazines to view and offer to others. Brad commented that we would like to see more fresh faces at our meetings.

A reminder to "keep your shed doors locked" was given. Ron Schubbe's service truck was taken right from his shed, and a half dozen of his neighbors were hit too!

9) Adjourn Meeting

There being no additional business, Larry Marek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Pat Noonan. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned

Upcoming activities:

November 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

December 10, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

January 17, 2016 – 1:00 PM Christmas party at Wilton Center town hall

Note: Christmas party will be scheduled for January 2016 to eliminate scheduling challenges for members and allow for greater attendance.

Membership meetings are held in the lower level of the First Bank of Manhattan, 55 W North St., Manhattan, IL. Please be prompt because the doors are tended until 7:15 and then locked per agreement with bank officials.