



Minutes of Nov.10, 2016 General Membership meeting

- 1) Call to Order -Alan Heatherwick
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance -Alan Heatherwick
- 3) Roll Call -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll with 6 directors present. There were 14 members and guests present.
- 4) Secretary's Report -Charlie Kestel
Charles offered copies of the October minutes to anyone who wanted one. Pat Noonan made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Connie Schuler seconded that motion, and it was passed by all present.
- 5) Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina
Fred reported collecting \$116 in dues and \$100 in sponsorships. He paid the **secretary** \$381.65 for office supplies and postage, \$323.35 for ad in show book and he ordered 5 books. We have a balance of \$9559.09 in the checkbook. John Cronin moved to accept his report, seconded by Pat Noonan. It was passed by all present.
- 6) Old Business -Brad Eike
Alan reported that the last old storage trailer is gone! The few barrels and odd scraps left behind will be cleaned up when we get the bleachers next year.

Carol reported that she hopes to have 5 vendors for this next show. The contract has been revised, charging them a \$200 flat fee, offering a 10' x 25' space, and needing proof of insurance.

We are still in need of storage for 2 threshing machines, and a 1 row picker until it can be sold. Up until now, they have been stored in Warren Schultz' barn, but he would like them moved.

We decided to hold a regular meeting Dec.8th, and our Christmas Party on Jan.15 2017 at Wilton Hall

7) New Business

We need to update the new ½ sheets with the new gate fee of \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 11 years and under.

We must decide on 2018 show site, but that will take a separate directors meeting after everyone is out of the field.

There is still the 1 row corn picker for sale.

Jim Robbins is again having the FFA Tractor Ride start and end at our show this year. He mentioned considering having “Honey” cater the lunch for the drivers and families this year. That might satisfy our vendors complaints about the pork chop dinner taking their customers away.

Manteno Ford has expressed a wish to sponsor a band for this year’s show. Fred is also requesting the Frankfort Brass Band to appear again this year.

Kim Schaffer gave us a presentation of what she could do with advertising this year. She has several new contacts, besides repeating the radio spots and ads we had last year. She suggested contacting local pizza stores, Subway’s etc. requesting they start, 2 weeks before show, including our fliers with their products. In return, we would display a banner at the Country store, thanking them for their sponsorship. We would need 5000 fliers to start. 500 color fliers would cost the club \$101. Kim suggested ¼ sheet fliers, in black & white, would be more economical. Kim would like to be paid \$1000 to handle our advertising, plus \$500 for organizing and overseeing the flea market and the crafters. She believes she already made contact with 10 people so far, and offered 25’ x 25’ spaces. Crafters would have 10’ x 10’ display areas, like last year. She also suggested we ask our vendors to hand out or display our fliers everywhere they go before our show.

Brad made a motion to accept Kim’s proposal, and Carol Hossbach seconded the Motion, which was carried by all present.

8) Brad's Remark's

Brad encouraged everyone to invite new interested members into our club. He also reminded us to remember that 2018 dues will be \$25 straight thru.

9) Wayne Hossbach mentioned that Steve Granger is having health issues, and that “Ye Olde Time Farm Show” is looking for officers for their club.

John Cronin said he saw a club picture of men loading bundles of wheat on a rack, with the caption stating “this is the last time you’ll see us doing this because we are all too old!”

Connie questioned whether we will have a silent auction at our Christmas Party **this**

year. There were some of the items last year which were carried over to the Country Store because there were no bids. She said food was a good seller, but “white elephants” were not. Larry commented that we all still eat!

10).Larry Marek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Connie seconding it. All present agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Upcoming activities:

Peotone Toy Show	Jan. 14, 2017
Sublette Toy Show	March 18th & 19th, 2017
Our Show	July 20 – 23, 2017
½ Century of Progress	Aug. 24 – 27, 2017

Christmas Party: Ham & Turkey **Table settings and beverages supplied by club**
Members please bring a dish to share:
 A-F **Vegetable or Fruit side dish**
 G-M **Dessert**
 N-S **Salad**
 T-Z **Potato side dish**

Membership Meetings

Dec. 8, 2016	
Jan. 15, 2017	Christmas Party Wilton Town Hall
Feb. 9, 2017	
March 9, 2017	

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.