



Minutes of January 21, 2018 General Membership meeting

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick
President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then said a luncheon prayer, followed by our Christmas Party meal. It was announced that the silent auction would continue through the lunch and meeting.

Turkey, Ham, and Chicken were served, along with an amazing assortment of rolls, salads, stuffing and potato dishes donated by everyone. It was all delicious, and was followed by some extraordinary desserts. No one could have walked away hungry!! When everyone's hunger was satisfied, and we all needed to sit back from the table, we continued the meeting.

- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike
Brad called the roll, with all 11 directors, and 32 members and guests present.

- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel
Charlie made copies of the December 14th. Meeting minutes available to anyone who wanted one.
Alan made the correction that Butch Brueggert would bring Chicken for the Christmas Party. Alan then asked if there were any other additions or corrections, and there were none. Charlie made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Lane. It was passed by all present.

- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina
Fred reported income of \$25 from dues, \$55 from magnet sales, \$25 donation from IH Club and \$750 from Alan Heatherwick. Expenses listed as follows: West Bend Insurance for \$1590.50, Cal's Printing of \$455 for 2000 raffle tickets and 1000 flyers, Weber Printing for posters of \$144, Linda Steffes was repaid \$69.11 for medical supplies, Kim Schaefer for advance payment of \$750' Wilton Township Hall rent of \$125, and \$200 deposit which we will get back if hall is clean. That leaves us a balance of \$4422.01 in the checkbook. Butch made a

motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Ron Schubbe. It was passed by all present.

Old Business

-Alan Heatherwick

Alan asked Brad to update us on the Peotone Toy Show, which was well attended. He wanted to thank his group of volunteers, Pat, Alan, Charlie, Lane, Fred, Jay, Ron Hnetkovsky, and Bill Weber. They sold 92 tickets for the JD tractor, and 135 tickets for the IHC tractor. That is a good start, fellas!!

Brad also reported on John Cronin. He was in Shorewood Rehab Center, where he caught the flu. He was taken to St. Josephs Hospital to be treated, but he wasn't responding fast enough. His family took him into Loyola where he did better. Now he is back at Shorewood Rehab.Center. Keep him in your prayers.

Dennis Christiansen had hip surgery on 1/17/18. He did real well, and is at home doing his physical therapy.

Charles reported on the meeting he attended at Chebanse with John and Rich Meier, Alan and himself. Uniform tractor classes were discussed, and safety was stressed.

- **New Business**

Lane reported that the "Dolly Madison" trailer and the water wagon were still waiting to be transported to A & L properties. Cory, Jeff, Lane and Charlie were able to coordinate trucks etc. and got the job done on Thursday, February 01, 2018.

Alan received an invitation for the club to join in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Manhattan on March 3rd. The parade kicks off at 11 AM, and there will be more discussion at the next meeting. This would be the first big event where we could advertise our show. In the past, we have always gotten good feedback from the crowd there.

Christmas Party and silent auction January 21, 2018

Connie thanked everyone who helped her set up for the party. We had a good number of silent auction donations, and we made almost \$400 for the club from it.

Alan had a suggestion made, to make our next Christmas party a catered affair. The proposal was brought to the membership present, and it was unanimously decided to keep the party as a pot luck dinner.

It was announced that the silent auction would be open for another 5 minutes, then Connie would pick up the bid sheets.

2018 Show

Alan updated the ad cards with the new address, new schedule of events, and a phone number. They have been printed and are available to everyone to distribute.

Alan would like to have a decision made by Feb/March on where we will have the 2019 Show. He also stressed the need for more help for this year's show. Every year we lose a worker or two to age. We need to replace those with younger men.

Brad's Remarks

- Brad welcomed Craig Long to our party, and mentioned that the Green Club has a Pink pedal tractor raffle ongoing too
He also reminded us that the club still owes money to the donors from previous years.

- **Open Forum**

Larry Eipers mentioned the Morris Tractor Ride, which will be held on the 2nd weekend in June. It will begin at Bill Burnham's each day, for 3 days.

Charles made a motion to have another 1000 fliers printed, to be handed out during the St. Pat's parade. Ron seconded it, and it was passed by all present.

Brad then proceeded to pull tickets for the door prizes.

Fundraiser

Brad was consulted, and reminded us that Commercial Banners cost \$150 per year, and are kept by the club, to be put up in following years, when renewed. Farm Banners cost \$150, with up to 3 pictures, and they are returned to the Farmers each year.

- **Adjourn**

Upcoming activities:

Paxton Toy Show	Feb. 10,2018
Manhattan Irish Parade	March 3, 2018
Serena Toy Show	March 4, 2018
Sublette Toy Show	March 17 & 18 th
I & I Toy & Equipment Auction/ Penfield,IL	March 23 & 24 th .
Seneca Toy Show	March 25 th
Mark Twain Toy Show/ Quincy,IL	March 23 – 25
Slo Boys tractor ride/ Pitwood,IL	April 7,2018
Morris tractor ride	June 8 – 10

Ride the River

August 25, 2018

Membership meetings:

Feb 8, 2018

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