



**Minutes of December 12, 2019 General Membership meeting**

- **Call to Order** -Alan Heatherwick

Our President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:05, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Roll Call** -Brad Eike  
Brad called the roll, with 10 directors and 15 members and guests present.

- **Secretary's Report** -Charlie Kestel  
Charlie made copies of the November 14<sup>th</sup> minutes available to all who were in attendance.

Alan asked if anyone had any additions or corrections, and there were none. Dennis Christiansen made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Lane Heatherwick seconded the motion, and it was passed by all present.

- **Treasure's Report** -Fred Lestina  
Fred reported that we had \$616 of Income this month. \$275 came as donations, \$250 turned in as dues, monthly meeting donations amounted to \$55, and \$36 came from tee shirt sales. Expenses totaled \$1520.29. Advertising expense totaled \$942, with WVLI and WIVR each receiving \$420, The Vedette received \$72, and the Heartland Ag...Show ad cost \$30. The deposit and rent of the Wilton Center Town Hall cost us \$325, but we will get our deposit back if we leave the hall in good shape, after our Christmas party. Postage of \$110 was paid to Jean, and \$143.29 was paid to Alan to cover the cost of permits. That leaves us a balance of \$3773.01 in our checkbook. Ron Schubbe made a motion to accept the report as presented. Jeff Brandau seconded that motion, and it was passed by all present.

**Old Business**

The Christmas Party is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> – 1 PM – Wilton Center Hall, 14355 W. Joliet Rd. Manhattan, IL.60442

There will be a "Silent Auction" to help fund our show. If you have anything to donate to this effort, please bring it with you to the party.

Alan and Bob Homerding will be bringing ham, and Lane and Charles will be bringing turkey.

The food schedule is enclosed. We didn't use it for the picnic, so this isn't carved in stone, only a suggestion.

A – F	Salads
G – M	Hot potato Dishes
N – S	Vegetable Sides / Deviled Eggs
T – Z	Desserts

Repairs to the office trailer are not complete. The bad sections of floor are torn out, but we are waiting for favorable weather, after the holidays, to get back at it.

It seems that our website and Facebook presence are not agreeing. It was suggested that we keep the name "WCTA" and cancel "steam show.org". Larry did not recommend changing the domain name, but it was decided we need to review Marty's recommendations at our February meeting before we go ahead.

### **New Business**

Alan wanted to thank everyone who helped provide equipment, and labor, to get the corn crib filled. Good Job Done!

Andy Partak was next on the agenda, with a presentation on having a "Northern Illinois Civil War Reenactors" presence at our show. He explained that they could set up a camp, which would use about a room size space. They could also march in the Parade of Power. They might also provide a "living history display", but to respect the animals, we requested they refrain from firing muskets. Andy will be at the February meeting to speak more about what we would like to see at the show. Pat made a motion to have their presence at our show. Jay seconded that motion, and it was passed by all present.

Lane read a list of those who we wanted to send thank-you's, and "In-Kind Donation" forms to. If we missed anyone, please let the secretary know so we have a complete list. Charles Kestel (815)735-6050

Alan has made arrangements with Mr. George Schaaf, for a tour of his museum. A sign -up sheet was passed around with the date of March 7<sup>th</sup>. **We had to reschedule this tour for February 29<sup>th</sup>, as it was in conflict with the Manhattan Parade. We will have a new sign – up sheet at the party.** It will still start at 10 AM, and after, we will meet at Aurelios for lunch.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the WCTA directors and representatives of The Olde Time Farm Show met to discuss combining both clubs. Anthony Settle, vice president, described their show, which only has 2 steamers, little help from the Park District, and money

issues. He thought combining the clubs would increase backers, and would not happen until 2021. Both shows are only 14 miles apart, and Steve was asked what he thought, and he was all for a combined show. There will be a second meeting of the directors on March 4<sup>th</sup>. For further discussion.

Pat Noonan made a motion to consider joining the clubs. Jay seconded the motion, and it was approved by all present.

## **Show – 2020 16 - 19 July Spiess Farm**

### **Brad's Remarks**

Brad presented possible changes to our magnetic signs. Possibilities were, "Back in time", "Days gone by", "The good old days", "Farming from the past", "Remember how it used to be", "We like it the old way", "Keep old iron alive", "Lets keep the past alive", and WCTA-what collectors talk about/ where collectors take antiques. "Keep old iron alive" agreed with everyone, and Terry made a motion to change our magnetic signs to that. Steve seconded that motion, and it was passed by all present.

It was suggested that we feature George's Pioneer tractor on the new magnet.

Brad also would like your ideas for sturdy signs for our "entrance" to the show.

### **Adjourn**

Jeff Brandau made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Russ Jacobs. The motion was carried by all present.

### **Membership meetings:**

December 12, 2019

FBM

January 12,2020

Christmas Party 1pm

Wilton Center Town Hall

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 the bank officials.

### **Upcoming Toy Shows**

Serena Toy Show      March 1, 2020

Sublette Toy Show      March 14th + 15th.

Seneca Toy Show      March 29th.

