

UNAPPROVED

Regular Monthly Meeting
December 10, 2009 – VFW Dupont, PA

Tina Gittleman, President of the Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania called the general meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the VFW Dupont, Pennsylvania. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All officers were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sandy Fumanti read the minutes from the previous general meeting. Pat Cockerill motioned to accept the minutes as an accurate account of the meeting; seconded by Bob Tuffy.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara McCracken reported the following financial report:

Balance carried forward in the M&T checking account \$xxxxx

Income \$xxxx

Expenses \$xxxx

Balance of Scranton Times FCU \$xxxx

Total Balance \$xxxxx

BILLS AGAINST THE CLUB: \$25 VFW and Amy Zaretski \$25 for the cake at the Gino Merli Veterans Center, Joe Lazzaro \$60 expenses for Governor's meeting. Bob Tuffy motioned to pay the bills; seconded by Gary Lamberton.

DUES REPORT: Barbara McCracken reported that all dues are current.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Allan Reese – nothing to report at this time.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Joe Lazzaro mentioned that the upcoming conventions are set for 2010 in Florida, 2011 in Chicago and 2012 in St. Louis. NCCC is selling raffle tickets for a Grand Sport corvette. Joe indicated that the membership packets should contain a good deal on the raffle tickets. NEPA's packets are expected to arrive in late January. The Corvette Museum is spear-heading a new Ambassador program, which is focused on promoting more interest in the museum. They would like to have a representative from each club available to serve in this new position. Joe reported that someone from the northeast region has volunteered to be the Ambassador. Cumberland Valley is still pursuing their teen Driving School and is trying to model it after the very successful program being run in North Virginia.

WEB SITE: Joe Lazzaro indicated that the website has been updated for Christmas with a new car of the month and the story of the 101 year old gentleman who purchased a new Camaro is on the site. Information on the Corvette Museum is also linked.

CORVETTE CORNER: Jon Valentine warned members to be fully aware of any items purchased on the internet. He relayed a story of a radio for a 1961 that he was searching for only to discover that the radio was not tested and did not carry a guarantee or warranty. He suggested that purchasing items through local, reputable business is sometimes the best deal. Joe Lazzaro told a story of an Arizona gentleman who purchased a 1965 Corvette from a dealer in California that turned out to have been stolen in 1970. The Corvette was returned to the original owner who reported the vehicle stolen. Joe also reported that there were several reports of incidents involving Corvettes at the Kerbeck Atlantic City Expressway event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

November 14, 2009 Saturday – Sandy Fumanti 18 people enjoyed a nice dinner at LaTrattoria Restaurant followed by quite a bit of laughter at Wise Crackers. The comedy club awarded three door prizes after the show and two winners were from the Club.

November 28, 2009 Saturday – Amy Zaretski - Member Appreciation Night at Jilly's Restaurant. Unknown to Amy the dinner buffet actually turned out to be a sit down dinner. Jilly's changed the menu at the last minute, but Amy reported 28 members and guests enjoyed the food and entertainment.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 13, 2009 Sunday Bingo with the Vets – (Pat Cockerill) Meet at 1:30 in the vestibule at the Gino Merli Memorial Veterans Home for Christmas Bingo with the Vets. The club will be providing \$200 in cash prizes along with cake and ice cream for the residents. All members were encouraged to participate in this very worthy event that is greatly appreciated by the veterans. If anyone is interested in having lunch, the group will meet at Quaker Steak & Lube in Dickson City at 11:30 a.m.

February 6, 2010 Saturday – Barbara McCracken (457-6952) Winter Party dinner with Mardi gras theme. Barbara is looking into two sites for the event, either the VFW in Dupont (buffet) or St. Maria Goretti's Hall in Laflin (cover dish). Feel free to wear a costume for the occasion with beads and masks; there will be games and prizes.

February 20, 2010 Saturday – Sandy Fumanti (654-2720) Dinner and a Comedy. Meet at Leggio's on 315 in Plains Township at 6:00 p.m. for dinner followed by a 9:00 p.m. comedy show at Wise Crackers on Pennsylvania Avenue in Wilkes-Barre (next to Genetti's).

February 27, 2010 Saturday – Bert Occulto (585-8165) Atlantic City Car Show. Bert requested a \$1,220 check for Martz Trailways for the Atlantic City Car Show. Seats may be available, please call Bert as soon as possible for reservations. Payment is due by the January meeting to secure reservations cost \$36 (subject to change because of an increase in the bus fare). Pre sale car show tickets are \$15 see Bob Polachek tickets are \$20 at the door. The bus will be dropping off at the Trump and a rebate is expected. The bus leaves Marts terminal in Scranton at 6:30 a.m. returning at approximately 10:30 p.m.

March 14, 2010 – Mike Kaufman Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade; details to be announced as they become available.

March 27, 2010 – Club Night – chairperson needed.

April 25, 2010 – Sunday Ride – chairperson needed.

May 1, 2010 – Saturday – May Party Carol Reese and Joe Lazzaro. Details will be announced as they develop.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The VFW made Toys for Tots \$1 donation cards available if anyone from the Club was interested. Nylon folding chairs were presented to members who attended Member Appreciation Night. The chairs are black with the Club's logo printed on the back of the chair as well as on the protective carrying case. A surplus number of chairs were ordered with the intent of selling them at a cost of \$20 each. See Joe Lazzaro. Approved Board Minutes are available at the regular meetings see Tina Gittleman or any officer for a copy. Shirts with the Club logo will be available for purchase and a discussion pursued regarding the variety and type of shirts to be ordered. Please see Tina Gittleman with your request and recommendations.

CHARITY: Amy Zaretski apologized for the absence of a Marine representative to accept the Toys for Tots donations. She received confirmation that someone was scheduled to attend the meeting, but unfortunately that was not the case. Amy was disappointed but announced she would drop off the toys. Sandy Fumanti reminded everyone to continue saving ring tabs. Pat Cockerill announced that any request for charitable donations should be made to the Charity Committee in writing with detailed information. She further explained that the board voted to front a one-time \$2,000 amount from the general fund to be earmarked for charity. Ways and means to raise funds for charitable donations needs to be examined when submitting requests.

GOOD OF THE CLUB: Nothing at this time.

The January 14, 2010 general meeting will be held at the VFW Dupont at 8:00 p.m.

CLUB MERCHANDISE: (Carol Reese) – Patches \$2; hats \$12; coasters 6 for \$10; and chairs \$20 all are available at general meetings.

50/50: \$51 collected; Joe Lazzaro won \$25

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on a motion by Bert Occulto; seconded by Joe DiRienzo.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Fumanti
Secretary.