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From the President's Desk:

Folks:

We have already weathered a month of cold weather since the start of this year. How are we doing on our "New Year Resolutions"? Still exercising? Are there any chocolates left from the holidays?

Congratulations to Terry, Cindi, Diane, & Bob. They are our 50+ years Cedar Rapids Corvette Club members.

We have had a couple planning meetings in January preparing for this years activities. We have met a couple times to discuss the Cedar Rapids Car Show. The location of this years car show will be Cedar Hills Community Church located at E Avenue NW and Stoney Point Road NW on June 9th. A number of the

members have visited and reviewed the site. It appears to be complementary to our club objectives and car show activities. We were able to obtain the architectural drawings of the site for planning. More information will be forthcoming as plans are developed in the coming months.

We have an additional fundraising opportunity this year. Bob was contacted by a friend concerning a request by Hy-Vee (Wilson Ave) looking for drivers to deliver flowers and arrangements on February 13th and 14th for Valentine's Day. Hy-Vee modified the arrangement by offering to make a contribution to the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club in the amount of \$17.00 per hour worked by club members. As long as this is a Corvette Club sanctioned event and members are not receiving any compensation, we are covered by our personal auto insurance policies and the club umbrella policy (signup forms will be used on the day of this event). Thank you to the members who have signed up. We also have a couple slots open for any members interested in helping.

Our next CRCC Cruise Night will be Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be at Butcher Block, [568 Boyson Rd. NE](#). Meet at 6:00 P.M. at the Butcher Block. Great evening to get out and meet the club members.

We still have a couple months before we can bring our cars out of storage. But, with the warmer few days these past couple weeks, there was a temptation to take the monster out for a spin.....and then reality set in.....

Please check the calendar on the website as Larry has been busy updating the site information on activities.

See you at the meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,  
Geof  
Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

## Cedar Rapids Corvette Club January 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

President Geof Knoerzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

President Geof Knoerzer welcomed and thanked members for coming to the 2018 January meeting. There were 40 members in attendance.

## **Good and Wellness:**

President Geof Knoerzer read the list of members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of January.

President Geof Knoerzer read thank you notes from:

Richard Rozinek for the flower arrangement for his mother's funeral.

Two thank you notes for the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa for our continued financial support.

President Geof Knoerzer thanked Social Director Del Winter for setting up the monthly dinner to Emil's Hideaway on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Approval of Secretary's Report**

President Geof Knoerzer asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the November 16, 2017 meeting. President Geof Knoerzer called for a motion to approve the November 2017 meeting minutes with one correction. **A motion was made by Malinda Finley and was seconded by Dick Butschi to approve the November 2017 meeting minutes with one correction. The motion passed.**

**Secretary Lori Brendes** - reported that she sent get-well cards to:

Al Willenborg for his second knee surgery

Joan Foster for her second eye surgery

Former member Pat Fritz who is battling cancer.

Garland Groom who was in the hospital.

Lori also sent a sympathy card and flower arrangement to:

Richard Rozinek for the passing of his mother

A sympathy card was sent to:

Joan Foster for the passing of her sister.

A note of condolences was written on the funeral site for

Former member Jim Heeren

Lori shared that she will be sending out the 2018 membership list electronically for members to check for any corrections or changes that need to be made. She will send it out through club email. Please send corrections or changes to Lori's email address not the club email address.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Larry Bushaw presented the December /January financial report. President Geof Knoerzer called for a motion to approve the December/January financial report as presented. **A motion was made by John Schindler and was seconded by Chris Thompson to approve the December/January financial report as presented. The motion passed.**

**Webmaster Larry Bushaw** – reported that the calendar is filling up with activities.

**Vice President Diane Bowen** – reported she is in charge of the electronic newsletter. Please submit Minutes and articles to Vice President Diane Bowen by January 29<sup>th</sup>. The monthly President's message, minutes and any other information can be accessed on the club website.

**Governor Garland Groom** – not present. No report

The West Region Awards Banquet is March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Omaha.

**Competition Director Mike Finley** – reported we have a signed

contract with Hawkeye Downs for our Autocross on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Director Del Winter-** reported by email:

There were 42 people that attended the January dinner at Emil's Hideaway. We also helped Wayne Martin celebrate his birthday.

The February dinner will be on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at The Butcher Block at 6:00 PM. It is located at 568 Boyson Rd.

Larry Bushaw shared that we usually have a movie night in February. He will set it up. Watch for more details.

**Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd** –thanked everyone for helping with the 2017 Homecomings. He shared that he will invoice the schools at the time of the Homecomings so we are paid in a timely manner.

**Historian Sue Rudd** – The club received a plaque from the Brain Injury Alliance. It is displayed in the Pat McGrath display case.

**Email Messenger Bob Bowen** – reminded members to let him know about any new email addresses. Also remember to reply to the correct person instead of the CRCC email messenger.

**Trustees report** - Shared the count for the evening meeting.

The Trustees shared that they audited the books.

Trustee Denny Primrose asked for a motion to destroy the 2018 CRCC officer election ballots. **A motion was made by Denny Primrose and seconded by Bob Ehlinger to destroy the 2018 CRCC officer election ballots. The motion passed.**

**Car Show Committee** –

Dick Butschi shared information from the Car Show Committee meeting.

We have a new venue for the car show this year: Cedar Hills Community Church on the corner of E Ave. and Stoney Point Rd.

This facility has many benefits and will work well for our car show.

Chris Thompson shared that as club members we need to be thinking about the future of our car shows.

**Old Business –**

Diane Bowen congratulated Tracy Rudd for a very successful Homecoming season.

**New Business –**

The April 2018 Honor Flight (CRCC sponsored) will be Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

Hy-Vee Flower delivery for February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> would be one way to make some charitable money for the club.

Be thinking about car topic questions or concerns that can be shared.

Chris Thompson shared some Corvette books for anyone who would want them.

Chris Thompson has the museum banner from last year. Our next food night (April Meeting) we will raffle off the banner.

Vice President Diane Bowen announced the 50/50 amount.

The 50/50 drawing winner was: Lori Brendes

President Geof Knoerzer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Bob Bowen and seconded by John Watertor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

The next CRCC monthly meeting will be Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 at Pat McGrath Chevyland.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Lori Brendes

2018 Car Show Update!!!

We have another new home for our annual charity car show for 2018, and the committee is beginning to feel like nomads wandering around in the desert. Our friends out at Hawkeye Downs wanted to hold our date of the second Saturday in June, but couldn't pass up a several thousand dollar deal for a big truck race on that date while we were thinking things over. Options included changing the date and staying at HD, but we decided to look for a new venue.

Hats off to Al Willenborg, who happened to check with the Cedar Hills Community Church, not far from his home on the corner of "E" Avenue and Stony Point Rd., NW. Lo and behold, they are an "event venue" complete with standardized contracts. We are now locked in for June 9th with a deposit and guaranteed not to be uprooted with any other church events. It looks like we'll have the option of holding that date for future shows, also. Other positive aspects of having the show there include:

A paved parking lot, almost the size of the top of Lindale Mall's parkade, with 2 long paved entrance roads leading to the back of the church and the paved lot. We also have approval to use the large grassy areas surrounding the church to use as parking for show workers, viewers, vendors and overflow show car entries, if needed.

There is a large canopied drive-thru rear entrance, which will be great for trophies, p.a. system and/or Silent Auction and Garage Sale tables. From there one can enter an air-conditioned commons area with a kitchen and serving area with tables and chairs. The church has the option of having a church group set up food service for their profit or we can hire food service vehicles for the day.

Near the commons area are rooms that we can use for Data Entry, which need to be quiet areas, yet near the club registration trailer outside.

Restrooms are clean and large.

The opposite side of the commons area has a wall of windows with 2 large double glass doors, opening onto a sidewalk where we can set up vendors to display products and services. This will provide interesting things to do for our entrants and viewers.

There is a children's play area on the back side, along with space for featured cars and motorcycles.

Overall, there seems to be more than adequate space for special features like military vehicles. There are plans in the works for expanding the church and paved parking lot, also.

The cost is only about \$100 for the day, but we are looking to having the church possibly keep the \$250 deposit, and maybe adding to that amount.

This seems to be an almost perfect spot for our show. It's not a unique venue like parking on a race track, but it is a space that is more easily handled by our aging membership. We ask members to consider getting more involved with the car show, as we can always use more help and some committee members are burning out after many, many years of handling the behind-the-scenes aspects of the show. Contact your current president, Geof Knoerzer, or co-chairs Dick Butschi and Wayne Martin if you would to get in on the workings of the 10-person committee and/or jump on board when the day-of-the-show worker sheet comes out in the next few weeks. It's fun and exciting to get involved with this big fundraiser for our 4 selected charities.

Thank you!

Dick Butschi