

Valpo Vettes Club News

Upcoming Events

01/13/09: Club meeting, Valparaiso Public Library, Valparaiso, 7pm

Minutes of the 12/11/08 Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jim asked if everyone had received a copy of the minutes, either by email or regular mail. A motion was made to accept the minutes. It was seconded and then approved by the membership.

Diane gave the Treasurer's report. She stated that as of this month there is \$4,063.44 in the checking & savings accounts. Diane also reported that 87 people attended the November pizza party and it cost the club approximately \$6 per person. The club has budgeted \$850 for pizza parties in 2009. Thank you to Mike Carbine for an excellent job coordinating the pizza party. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded and approved.

Paul Pumroy from Harbor stated that the dealership has consolidated their Chevrolet dealership with their Buick / Pontiac / GMC dealership. All of their cars are now located on 421 just south of 94 in Michigan City. They have moved their Chrysler / Dodge / Jeep inventory to the location on Michigan Blvd. that previously was the Chevrolet dealership. Bob Sheridan has retired and is no longer with Harbor Motors.

Unfinished Business:

Diane suggested that the club hold off on making any charitable donations until after the 1st of the year. The club felt that was a good idea and Jim Carden made a motion to hold off on donations until 2009. It was seconded and approved.

Diane read the proposed by-law change to allow for the club to make adjustments to the dues amount any time in the year when the majority of the members deem it necessary as the result of budgetary or economic reasons as long as the change is posted for two meetings before voting. A motion was made to approve the by-law change. It was seconded and approved.

New Business:

Jim asked if anyone had given any thought to club events to suggest for next year. Cindy has suggest going to Tony n' Tina's Wedding on Saturday, February 14th. If a group of 15 or more will be attending, the price will be \$65 per person. The show is an Italian wedding and

the reception, which includes dinner and a DJ. The final count must be turned in by January 14th. Contact Cindy for more information.

Mike Carbine reported that the only opening that the library has for next year is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Beginning in January 2009, the club will meet at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Valparaiso Public Library. Thanks also to John Miller & Jim Carden who stood in line to get us a slot on the library schedule.

Bobby Sebesta's membership was also reviewed at this meeting. His membership was being reviewed for an offensive email that he had written verbally attacking a club member that was subsequently circulated among the majority of other club members. Diane sent Bobby a letter telling him that his membership was being reviewed and he chose to appear at tonight's meeting to explain his actions. Bobby apologized to the club members present for his email. After he was through with his statement, several club members present also made comments regarding the email and how they were offended by the strong language used. An advisory vote was taken by the board. Members in attendance were given ballots to vote their choice for Bobby to be allowed to remain in the club or to have his club membership revoked. This vote was only an advisory one in nature because according to the current by-laws only the board may revoke a person's membership. The board then counted the votes and took the results into consideration when rendering the decision to allow Bobby to remain in the club. Bobby was given the same warning as was given to Troy at the November meeting. If he is responsible for any of these acts in the future, his membership will be terminated immediately.

All ballots for the club officer elections cast at this meeting were placed in the lock box and observed by the committee chosen by candidates. These ballots will be counted with those cast at the Christmas party on Saturday.

50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Frank.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Election Results:

The ballots were counted at the Christmas party and the officers for 2009 are:

President

Jerry "Bear" Lynn

Vice-President

Ray Gast

Treasurer

Diane Rosko

Secretary

Kim Troup