

# Valpo Vettes Club News

## Upcoming Events

12/08/09: Club meeting, 7pm – Valpo Public Library

## Minutes of the 11/10/09 Meeting:

Bear called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

In honor of Veterans' Day, Bear asked all of the veterans in the room stand to be recognized by the other club members. After a round of applause the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bear introduced Olivia and her mother to the club (I'm sorry - I didn't get her last name) and presented her with a check for \$500 to help with her medical expenses. Her mother expressed her gratitude and thanked everyone. What a cutie she is!

Bear asked if everyone had received a copy of the minutes, either by email or regular mail. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved as written. However, there was a written correction from Tom Milanowski. The club has voted to make a donation to Tom's daughter, Sara, to help defray medical costs. It was originally stated that Sara has no insurance. However, that was an error. There is some insurance, but it is limited. The benefit at the Lowell VFW is to help pay for the medical expenses that are not covered by insurance and other living expenses.

A card was passed around for Sandy Morgan. She was released that day from the hospital after battling H1N1.

The club still has not been paid by Harbor for the members that drove for the auction at Valpo Vette Fest. Gino stated that he would not make the check out to the club but would make it out to a charity. It was then suggested that we send them information for Tom's daughter and the club would make up the difference.

Diane gave the Treasurer's report. During the month of October there was \$250.13 in revenue and \$596.00 in disbursements. There were no corrections to the treasurer's report and they were filed as written for audit.

## Old Business:

It was decided the food collected would be split between two of the Valparaiso pantries. Dennis volunteered to get the food there this month.

Peggy made contact with Porter Memorial Hospital. They do accept toys for the children for Christmas. The gifts should be suitable for children up to 12 years old. They should

be new toys and wrapped. Peggy and Donna will collect the toys and deliver them to PMH pediatrics after the next meeting.

Rhonda received an email from the man that used to do our embroidery and we do still have credit for one jacket. She still has not been able to make contact with him to get the problem resolved. She gave us information on the man that does the embroidery for the Crown Point club. Mike Carbine also suggested Blythe's sport Shop here in Valpo. They have done it in the past for the club and have a selection of shirts at the store. They can also do other garments for a slightly higher price.

Mike also reminded everyone that it is time to reserve the library again, if we want to continue to hold meetings there. John Miller and Jim Cardin volunteered to come down to stand in line for the reservation.

It was also brought to our attention that the YMCA has a very large room available on Thursday evenings for no charge. It was decided to go ahead with the library reservation, but to also check further into the Y. It will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Mike also let us know that the Viking Chili Bowl is available for a Friday night car show. The other show has left and moved over by the Harley dealer.

Pam updated every one on the Christmas party coming up on December 12. She is collecting and must have checks by Dec 5.

## **New Business:**

Elections are coming up next month and with that each of our current officers thanked the fellow club members for their support and stated their objectives for the upcoming year.

Bear would like to update the website and make sure that more pictures get posted. He would also like to see us move to a better and bigger location.

Ray has been in charge of coordinating activities and would appreciate new ideas for the upcoming year.

Diane read a text from Kim thanking everyone for their support. Her objective for next year is getting the minutes out quicker to the membership. She would also like to send out any necessary correspondence on behalf of the club. This would include, but not be limited to, celebration, sympathy and get well cards, but to do this effectively she needs the help of the entire club to make her aware of the need of any such cards or correspondence.

Diane stated that that she sees her duties divided into two parts: the business side, which includes the finance and by-law committees, and the social segment. Since they have worked so hard getting the business side in order, next year she is concentrating

on the social aspects of the club and having more FUN. She would like to see a summit with other local clubs and would like to see some joint activities with them

Bear showed off the new banner and also gave one to Arnell for their showroom.

He also showed some Valpo Vette window stickers that are available for 50 cents each. A motion was made and carried that the club buy one sticker for every member and additional ones could be purchased.

Olivia pulled the winning ticket for 50/50. Frank A. won and received \$68.

The 10 Valpo Vette window decals were also given away.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10