

GPA Executive Committee Meeting 1-20-18

This meeting was held at the Trinity EC Church in Boyertown. Those attending were: Bill Kain, Chris Boswell, Larry Smythe, Joe Slavinski, Matt Obarow, and Bob Dell.

Newsletter: It was agreed that the newsletter is the most important means of communication that our organization has. We need a reliable editor. After discussions it was agreed that we would offer a \$50 per month stipend for expenses plus a free club membership to anyone that would take up the reins. The way the new system would work would be that the editor would get everything together then it would be sent to Larry Smythe where he would print, collate, and generate mailing labels for hard copies. Larry would then give these copies to Bill Kain who would tape, stamp and mail the issues. There would also be a push to get more people to accept electronic copies of the NL.

Just as the committee finished the above discussion Joe Slavinski arrived at the meeting and all of the above was presented to him. He seemed interested but would not give an answer right away. He still wants some down time and we agreed to this as part of the deal. Joe will get back to us.

Meetings: It was agreed that the club does not have to have meetings every month and we would try to cut back to quarterly meetings. A tentative schedule was set up for 2018. They are as follows (all at the Pottstown VFW at one PM): March 11, September 16, and November 4.

The annual spring breakout will be held at the Boyertown Community Park on Sunday April 29th. It will be hosted by Chris and Carolyn Boswell and will be a catered affair much like last year.

The annual club picnic will be held Saturday August 4th with a rain date of Sunday August 5th. It will be at the Dell household, wherever that is at that particular time.

The Jake's events are scheduled for June 23rd and October 20th. Both are Saturdays.

We are in need of a Sergeant at Arms. Any volunteers? You get to have your very own gavel.

It was voted to donate \$200 to the Pottstown VFW in appreciation of them hosting our meetings.

Chris Boswell presented treasurer's reports for both November and December of 2017. For brevity the reports showed that November had an opening balance of \$9344.77 and a closing balance of \$9666.96. December showed an opening balance of \$9666.96 and a closing balance of \$8108.72. The difference being mostly caused by the costs of our December banquet.

Chris also presented a yearend report for the 2017 period. This is documented in its entirety below.

New year (2017) opening balance \$9297.31, yearend balance \$8108.72. Total income for year \$6174.55. Total expenses for year \$7363.14.

Income highlights: Total parade income \$2700.00. Total membership income \$1715.00. Cash donations received \$223.55. 50/50 raffle income \$104.00

Expense highlights: Christmas party \$3075.49. Spring and summer picnic expenses \$815.74. Other GPA event food expenses \$551.70. Total newsletter expenses \$688.55 (2016 was \$678.25). Tent purchase \$900.00. Donations given by GPA \$486.91.

2017 Paid Parades: Mayfair \$125.00 (MD), Bensalem \$275.00, Langhorne \$100.00, Lawncrest \$350.00, Cheltenham \$275.00, Kennett Square \$\$300.00, Avon (West) Grove \$300.00, Marcus Hook \$600.00, Malvern \$75.00, Mayfair \$300.00 (TG). This gave the club a total income of \$2700.00 through member's participations in parades.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dell, Secretary