# download?mid=1_73791_ANbSi2IAAIF8Trc5SwTHlTjdGMM&pid=5&fid=Corvette%20Club&inline=1SMCC CLUB MEETING

# MINUTES

# March 10, 2014

# Note: For brevity, last names are abbreviated, and speakers are identified in parenthesis.

President, Tom Santangelo, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Brenda Ridgell led the Pledge of Allegiance. As tradition, each member introduced themselves and their cars.

A total of 14 members were in attendance.

**SECRETARY REPORT (Patrice Hopkins)**

* Tom S. reminded members that the minutes were distributed via email. He opened the floor for questions; there were none. Dennis Lyons made a motion to accept the minutes; Don Byrne seconded the motion. Members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was carried.

**TREASURY REPORT AND CLUB MAIL/CORRESPONDENCE**

* Susie Mendoza reported that she deposited $75 in membership fees. The current account balance is $5,807.35; the available balance is $5,286.16 including reserved funds of $500.00 for the Business, Education, and Community Alliance, Inc. (BECA) scholarship fund, $21.19 for card stock (members’ business cards) and potential plaques for past SMCC presidents.
* The mail was not available at the meeting, but will be reported at the next meeting

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT (Ben Mendoza)**

* Ben M. reported that SMCC has 31 current members. There have been a lot of inquires about the club largely due to our website.

**OUTREACH LETTER (Tom S.)**

* + - * Tom S. has completed an outreach letter to send out to past members, inviting them back to the club.
      * Tom S. has invited past founding members and board members verbally.
        + **Action(s):**

**Tom S. requests the SMCC board to review the letter, prior to recruiting the past members, and stay after the meeting for further discussion.**

**MERCHANDISE CHAIR REPORT (Jim Jacobs)**

* The merchandise chair was unable to attend the meeting; an update on the merchandise is expected at the next meeting.
* **Action(s):**
  + **Jim J. would need to provide an updated report by the next meeting.**

**EVENT CHAIR REPORT (Mike Doncevic)**

* Mike D. was unable to attend the meeting, but Tom S. reminded us of two major upcoming events:
  + April 6, 2014 (Sunday) - Southern Knights Rod & Custom Car Club’s 27th Annual Coming Out Car Show, Charlotte Hall, MD. This event is well-attended.
  + April 27, 2014 (Sunday) – St. Mary’s Rod & Classic Car Club’s 29th Annual Spring Fling Car Show (Leonardtown, MD). Ben M. reminded the club that there is an unwritten rule for members to support local events.
  + Also, there are the Wednesday Cruize-ins and a car show at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church of Laurel Grove on Saturday, September 6, 2014.
* See our club website at <http://www.southernmarylandcorvetteclub.org/activities.html> for further information provided by Mike D.

**WEBSITE REPORT (Rick Davis)**

* Rick D. reporting that there is nothing new in work – just maintaining the website for now.
* **Action(s):**
  + **Members are to provide Rick D. with pictures of their cars to be posted on the website.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

* **FUNDRAISERS** 
  + Tom S. asked for updates regarding the club’s fundraising plans:
    - * Brown Bag Auction: Brenda R. reminded members about the brown bag rules (a brown bag is placed near each item; participants place their tickets in the bag next to the item they want. The tickets get shuffled to determine the lucky winner of the item.
        + Potential venues: Brenda mentioned the Little Flower School and Father Andrew White., S. J. School as potential venues for the auction.
    - Poker Run: Ben M. asked for ideas about the poker run stops/stations and explained the process.
      * + Process: We would need five stations that start and end at Burt’s. At sign-in, each participant would receive a map of the poker run. At each checkpoint, the participants would pick a card; whoever has the winning hand at the end is the winner. At the last stop, there would be a brown bag auction the winning prize.

Another potential station: The contact with Toys for Tots has now retired and is willing to participate with a station. He would like the club to decide on how big to make the event and need to narrow down the expected merchandise from vendors by the next club meeting.

Prizes: Patrice H. reminded members that we discussed having one of the items at the brown bag auction as the winning prize for the poker run. Tom S. suggested the “Corvette Stingray: The Seventh Generation of America's Sports Car” by Larry Edsall as the winning prize (he is able to get a 10% discount on it). Another prize could be detailed car care. Susie M. suggested getting good items from Ollie’s Bargain Outlet in Lexington Park, MD.

* + - * + **Potential date: Saturday, July 26, 2014** (FYI, Brenda R. reminded members that we need to be aware that the Hollywood Carnival may conflict with this date).

Don Byrne suggested an email be sent out to members to check their calendars for this date.

* Volunteers Needed: Ben M. stressed the importance of volunteers stepping up and assisting with this event.

Patrice H. volunteered, but asked for clarity on what tasks need to be done as a volunteer.

* + - * + Merchandise: As reported in the last month’s minutes, Ben M. has contacted two corvette suppliers for merchandise (one including Rick’s Corvette in Charlotte, NC). Tom S. plans to call mid-America.
  + **Action(s):**
    - * + **Tom S.**

**Within the next two weeks, Tom S. plans to talk with Mrs. Maloney (FAW School Principal) and other points of contact about using Father Andrew White as a venue for the auction.**

**Plans to call mid-America to inquire about merchandise that could be provided at the poker run.**

**Plans to send out an email asking members to check their availability for the poker run tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 26, 2014.**

* + - * + **Brenda R.: Communicate with the Little Flower School.**
        + **Ben M.:**

**Communicate with Mt. Zion as potential venue for the auction.**

**Provide tasks/more information about the poker run to potential volunteers.**

* + - * + **Club Members:**

**Need volunteers to help with these fundraisers.**

**Need to decide on the merchandise desired from vendors and by the next meeting. (Old action from last minutes)**

* **BECA SCHOLARSHIP (Susie M.)**
  + **Action(s):**
    - * **Susie: Tom S. asked let the club know what she needs to support this activity.**
* **BYLAWS**
  + No word from the bylaw chair, Karen Jacobs.
  + **Action(s):**
    - * **Tom S.: Send the latest version of the bylaws to Rick D. to upload to the website.**
* **Discounts and Sponsors (Tom S.)**
  + Tom S. has not heard back from Bayside Auto Group regarding the status on whether or discounts can be provided to our club members. He is assuming they will not provide the discounts.
* **Trifold draft (Chris L.)**
  + Chris L. updated the trifold, sent it out to the board for review, and provided the trifolds to Rick D. to upload to the club website.
  + **Action(s):**
    - * **Chris: Coordinate the printing of the updated club trifolds.**
* **NEW BUSINESS**
  + **FORREST CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER (“Tech Center”)**
    - * Tom S. met someone from the Forrest Career and Technology Center (“Tech Center”); there is a new president. The individual asked where the club has been (the club participated in Corvette “show-and-tells” during auto classes in the past).
      * Tom S. would like to still support the Tech Center and asked the club for ideas.
        + Ben M. stated that we would need someone to volunteer to lead this effort. He also emphasized that we need to move forward and focus on what we can do now to support the center – not what we did in the past.
        + The frequency of tech center visits was discussed; in the past, the club participated twice a year. Monthly would be too aggressive. Dennis Lyons reminded the club that we would have to keep in mind that the students are in classes.
        + Patrice H. suggested aligning our visits with a school event instead of the class times (i.e. Open House, Back-to-School event or pep rally that motivates/excite students to “rev up” for the school season).
        + Susie M. stated that someone would need to contact the principal of the school.
        + **Action(s):**

**Ben M. volunteered to call the school and coordinate the best dates and times to visit the center.**

* + - **CARAVAN TO NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM** 
      * Chris L. reminded the club about the caravan to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky (see the website, <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/>, for more details. As Tom S. mentioned from the last meeting, a chat line was available for those attending.
  + **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

Patrice H. announced the following birthdays this month:

* + - * March 4th – Paul Fritz
      * March 9th – Don Byrne
      * March 28th – Marlene Boron

**CORVETTE TECH NEWS & TIPS**

* National Corvette Museum sink hole: Chris L. shared an article with members; only five out of eight cars are able to be recovered. They have to stabilize the area before they can get the rest. Cars will displayed as is until August and the going to Detroit to be restored. The 83 survived.
* Tom S. mentioned that he is seeing more C7s on the road; other members have also spotted the new C7s.

**REMINDERS**

* **Next Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00pm – same meeting place at 41660 Courthouse Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650.**

Ben M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis L. seconded, and the motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

**\*Minutes Recorded by: Patrice Hopkins, 2013-2015 SMCC Corvette Club Secretary\***