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

# January 12, 2015

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

President Tom Santangelo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Dennis Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance. As tradition, members introduced themselves and proudly announced the year and model of their iconic American Chevrolet Corvettes.

A total of nine members were in attendance.

**SECRETARY REPORT (Patrice Hopkins)**

* Tom S. reminded members that December minutes were distributed via email, but requires two revisions: Date of the next meeting and birthdays. Dennis Lyons made a motion to accept the minutes; Chris LaQuay seconded the motion. Members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was carried.
* **Action(s):** 
  + **Patrice H. will revise and re-distribute the minutes from December 8, 2014.**

**CLUB MAIL/CORRESPONDENCE**

* Patrice H. read the mail, including a letter of thanks for the club’s donation to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, located in Chaptico, MD.

**TREASURY REPORT (Don Byrne)**

* Don B. reported the club’s account balance as $4,275.87, excluding $100.00 of membership dues paid at the meeting.
* Additionally, Don B. submitted a letter and meeting minutes to PNC Bank, on Friday, January 2, 2015, to update the outgoing and incoming officers on record. He reminded board members to visit PNC Bank to update their signatures in order to have signing privileges on the club’s checks. The club’s checks require two signatures, one of which must be signed by the current treasurer.
* **Action(s):** 
  + **Board members are to update their signatures at PNC Bank.**

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT (Ben M. – unable to attend)**

* On behalf of Ben M., Tom S. informed the club that we have an updated membership list. Four additional members paid dues at the meeting. There is now a total of 30 members.
* Dennis L. inquired about the membership cards. Patrice H. reminded the club that Ben M.’s printer was not working. Additionally, Tom S. mentioned that he had six potential Corvette club members, but needs business cards. Ben M. informed the club that membership cards are on hold due to his printer not working.
* **Action(s):** 
  + **Tom S. asked Patrice H. to follow up with Ben M. on the status of the membership cards and business cards.**

**MERCHANDISE CHAIR REPORT (Jim Jacobs – unable to attend)**

* There was no report.

**EVENT CHAIR REPORT (Mike Doncevic – unable to attend)**

* **Previous events:**
  + Chris L. also reflected on the December Toys for Tots donation and thanked those that participated. It went well and the club, and members donated a significant amount of toys for the cause.
  + Tom S. reflected on the Christmas dinner at Lenny’s last year and thanked members who attended.
* **Upcoming events:**
  + Dennis L. asked if there will be a Gas ‘N Go on Friday, January 16th. Tom S. stated he would email Mike D. to find out the status.
  + Chris L. reminded the club about the Valentine’s Day cruise. A potential date is Sunday, February 15th. Tom S. will follow up with Mike D.
  + Tom S. suggested that the club participate in the Wreaths Across America.
* **Action(s):** 
  + **Tom S. will follow up with Mike D. regarding the next Gas ‘N Go and Valentine’s Day cruise plans.**

**WEBSITE (Rick Davis)**

* Rick D. updated the club’s website with the December minutes (pending revised minutes), but needs pictures for the Toys for Tots event. Patrice H. reminded that there are pictures on the club’s Facebook page. Some members did not realize that the club has a Facebook page. Patrice H. explained that she created the page in the interim of the website being built. Since there is not much activity or usage by members, she will periodically update on occasion.
* Rick D. plans to update the website with the latest members. Patrice H. forwarded him Ben M.’s membership list.
* **Action(s):** 
  + **Rick D. plans to update the website using the Facebook pictures of the Toys for Tots event.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

* **Business, Education, and Community Association (BECA) Scholarship donation:** 
  + Tom S. asked the club if we still want to support the BECA scholarship fund. Last year, we awarded the scholarship recipient with $500.00 as a club, plus Ben and Susie M. matched the amount, donating an additional $500.00 and increasing the total scholarship award to $1,000.00.
  + Dennis Lyons made a motion to contribute $500.00 to the scholarship fund. Terry F. seconded the motion. Members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was carried.
  + Patrice H. provided updated evaluation criteria to BECA. Below is the evaluation criteria that will be used when reviewing applications and decided the scholarship recipient:
    - Plans to pursue an automotive or mechanical engineering career through an accredited university, community college, vocational school or trade school.
    - Has maintained a minimum of a 3.3 GPA.
    - Demonstrates the greatest financial need/hardship.
    - Completes an essay describing how the student overcame his/her greatest challenge during the pursuit of his/her academics.
  + Patrice H. requested for volunteers to review the scholarship applications with her. Terry F. and Tom S. volunteered to assist. Chris L. is optional if no one else volunteers. Dennis L. suggested bringing the applications to the club meeting and passing them out for a joint review.
  + She shared the following important events associated with BECA:
    - **Thursday, January 22, 2015** (4:00pm to 6:30pm) - BECA's Scholarship Fair at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. Inclement weather date is January 29, 2015. Tom S. volunteered to attend with Patrice H.
    - **Monday, March 2, 2015** - Deadline for applicants.
    - **Friday, March 20, 2015** (6:00pm – 10:00pm) - BECA Annual Dinner and Auction at Bowles Farm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.
    - **Thursday, May14, 2015** (4:00pm – 5:00pm) - BECA Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center.
  + Tom S. shared that Richard Lord is active with BECA, and Richard L. sent an email informing the club that he is willing to pull out part of his condo auction proceeds to match the club’s funds next year (not the current year). Richard L, allows charities like BECA to auction a week at his condo in Puerto Rico to raise funds. Tom S. plans to talk with Richard L. about matching next year, and asked that Patrice H. copies him on all BECA emails.
* **Action(s):** 
  + **Patrice H. will keep members updated on the status of the applications and upcoming dates.**
  + **Tom S. will follow up with Richard L. regarding matching the club’s donation to the BECA scholarship fund next year.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

* + Tom S. informed members that he visited Jeff Flesher on Christmas Eve (2014). He is recovering well from his foot surgery and appreciated the club’s card. Jeff F. showed Tom S. a photo album of how his new Stingray is being made.

**CORVETTE TECH NEWS & TIPS**

* + Don Byrne shared information about the upcoming Barrett Jackson Collector Car Auction. More information can be found online at

<http://www.experiencescottsdale.com/event/barrett-jackson-collector-car-auction/>. ProTeam Corvette Sales’ historic NASCAR Corvette will be featured at the auction. ProTeam Corvette Sales looks for historical Corvettes and is located in Napoleon, OH.

* + Also, Don B. shared that Terry Michaelis, President of ProTeam Corvette Sales, bought a documentary featuring the first 1953 NASCAR Corvette including historical GM records. For more information, you can see <http://www.tmichaelis.com/>.
  + Don B. purchased the “Best Damn Garage in Town…” which tells an amazing story of Yunick’s childhood. (The book can be found online at <http://www.amazon.com/Best-Damn-Garage-Town-According/dp/0971146934>).
  + Tom S. visited the National Corvette Museum twice - in November 2014 and recently. The museum plans to fill the sink hole. A robot will be placed down there to help with repairs, which is to be completed by July 2015 (it started Mon., December 29, 2014).
  + While in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Tom saw three Z06 convertibles in lagoon blue, yellow and orange.
  + There was conversation about the best Corvette dealers in this order: #1 – Kerbeck Corvette (Atlantic City, NJ), #2 – MacMulkin Chevrolet (Nashua, NH), and #3 – Criswell Chevrolet in Gaithersburg, MD.

Status of Member Cars

* John Marcil is getting his work done to his engine compartment and door and will change his valve covers.
* Tom S. got his brake power booster done, seat belts fixed, bought a heating core (his current heating core needs work). He stated that a combination of fluid, water, and anti-freeze is getting stuck on the windshield. Terry F. suggested that maybe the issue is a bad head gasket if there is a smell coming from the fluid.
* Art Gillings is replacing all the bushings in his car.
* Patrice H. asked for advice on shops who provide a good painting and bodywork service. She has visited two shops (one of which provided her with a $4k quote which included bodywork. Members shared that they would be concerned if the paint job and bodywork combined costs less than $10k. Also, Patrice H. asked for advice on a quality car cover and was advised that quality car covers usually cost about $250-400.

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

* Patrice H. announced the following birthdays this month:

January 10th: Rick Davis

January 20th: Brenda Ridgell

January 29th: John Williamson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dennis Lyons made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry F. seconded the motion. Members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

**REMINDERS**

* **Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00pm at 41660 Courthouse Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650.**

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