

RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB NY CHAPTER 29
Monthly Meeting – October 20, 2019
Chatham Fire House

President Lisa Funk called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: 8 members answered the Roll with 1 guest present: Dan Bransfield of CT2.

The September 2019 minutes were read by Secretary Judith Shea. A motion to approve minutes as read was made by Paul Pratt, and seconded by Jason Peck, with all voting in favor and none opposed; so carried.

Correspondence:

- We received a Thank You note from George and Irene Huston. George was a recipient of our Christmas in September delivery this year.
- A letter was received from the CCVFA announcing that, in absence of a Convention Host, the 2020 Convention will be hosted by the CCVFA. The letter also contained the dates and times of CCVFA Meetings and Events scheduled through July 2020.

President's Report:

- Our third Christmas in September recipient, Ron Van Tassel of Ancram, is home from the hospital. He will be contacted to set-up a date to deliver his gifts.
- The Run to the Home gifts were delivered to the Fireman's Home on October 24. We delivered vests and jackets in various sizes for residents to wear between the buildings and transportation to outings/appointments as well as small chalkboards, colored chalk, and decorative bins to decorate their rooms.
- In addition to delivering the gifts for the Activities Room, we stopped up to the third floor to deliver gifts to the two residents recently adopted by our chapter: Bob Gilman in Room 318 and Bob Walsh in Room 310. We caught them a bit off guard but they were happy to see us.
- The day after we delivered the requested gifts on the 24th, Lisa Funk received a letter from Matthew Plew, Activities Director, asking for 10-12 radios. Following discussion, it was determined to use a portion of the funds remaining from the Yankee Rally to purchase the radios so as not to hinder the residents in their enjoyment of music. A letter will be written to Matthew Plew explaining that this is a one-time extra gift and will be delivered as Christmas gifts to the Home.
 - A motion was made by Paul Pratt, and seconded by Jason Peck, to approve the purchase of the radios; with all voting in favor and none opposed. So carried.
- Lisa sent out the pictures of members and their bikes so that they could choose which one they would like posted on the web-site. Some pictures came back with people and some with just the bikes. So that there can be a consensus of whether people should be included in the pictures or not, for consistency, this discussion will be tabled to the December meeting.
- Lisa will be attending NY53's Yearly Ride Committee Meeting. This meeting is designed to help prevent overlap between Chapter Rides.
- Lisa wished to arrive at a couple of dates to propose to FASNY and the Fireman's Home for the 2020 Run to the Home. The dates suggested are Saturdays, May 16 or 23. We will wait to propose the dates until after the December meeting – closer to when FASNY will approve the date.

- Lisa also mentioned that the Memorial Hall is available to rent for events and overnights. The cost is \$20/night and will sleep 10 people in 2 queen bedrooms or two two-twin bedrooms. Lisa is thinking we might rent it for one weekend next Summer. Possible dates will be discussed at the December meeting.
- Lisa has asked Carol Goold to provide the dollars received and monies spent on the Christmas in September for the last three years with a goal of setting a limit on the value of gifts. Carol is working on this.

Vice President's report: The Application for Active Membership from Dan Bransfield was brought before the chapter for a vote following being tabled for 30 days. Dan's application was approved by all present. Welcome, Dan!!!

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Lisa Funk. A motion was made by Paul Pratt, and seconded by Eugene Browning, to approve the Report as presented, with all voting in favor and none opposed. So carried.
 - Judith Shea presented \$400 in receipts for Christmas in September gifts for Helen Lawler (Germantown) and Ron Van Tassel (Ancram). A motion was made by Eugenia Browning, and seconded by Paul Pratt, to reimburse Judith for these costs, with all voting in favor and none opposed. So carried. Judith to email her receipts to Carol for reimbursement.

Secretary: Nothing at this time.

Road Captain: Nothing at this time.

Quarter Master: Nothing new...still have a lot of shirts.

Old Business:

- **Chapter Membership:** There had been discussion, following Convention, of how long a Firefighter had to be a Firefighter before becoming a Red Knight. It is a complicated decision due to different experience and lengths of service as determined by individual firehouses. It was determined that membership is up to each individual chapter as determined by their guidelines and review processes.

New Business:

- Following discussion, it was determined that there would not be a November meeting. Lisa will send an email to the chapter regarding this and to remind everyone that their 2020 dues are due to Carol by the December 15, 2019, Annual Meeting in order to participate in the voting of 2020 Officers. Dues may be paid at the meeting: \$24 for Active and \$19 for Social. This must be done as the 2020 Chapter Roster is due to International on January 1, 2020.
- Paul Pratt has proposed that Chapter 29 change our SOGs to change the term for our Officers to serve a two-year term rather than the previous one-year terms. Further discussion will be had at the Annual Meeting.

Good of the Chapter:

- Dan Bransfield expressed his thanks for approving his application for membership in our Chapter.
- Tri-Village Ladies Night Out: Friday, November 1 – Doors open at 6pm with all Raffles being pulled at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting: December 15, Sunday at 1pm at the Tri-Village Firehouse – This will be our Annual Meeting which includes election of our 2020 Officers. Dues must be paid prior to election of Officers. Please bring a dish to share, a gift to swap if you like (\$20 limit – generally ladies bring for ladies and gentlemen for gentlemen). Judith will send an email to Bob Hawley, Sr. to confirm if he will provide music for the luncheon.

Thank you, to Chatham for hosting our monthly meeting. It is very much appreciated and the coffee and doughnuts were great!

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Pratt, and seconded by Jason Peck. at 10am with all voting in favor and none approved. So carried.

Due to the pending weather the proposed patch ride is being tabled in favor of a local ride.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Shea, Secretary