

August 2, 2016 Northern Chapter Business Meeting

Members present: Mike L., Julie K., Julie A., Tom M., Wanda B., Sherri B., Carl A., Beth A, Barb L., and Don P.

Father Fred Total: \$4, 1, 83.93 minus \$1,635.65 for Expenses, \$1,100. T.C. Police Patrol and let \$1,748.28 that was given to Father Fred. Participation was down this year due to the rain on Sunday and members had other commitments.

Merchandising: Gayle not here. Julie K. will give the name tags that just came in to Julie A. along with ? 50 left over Father Fred shirts. Julie A. wondered if we could have a space/corner at Classic to sell them. Per Don "You would get a lot sold". "We still have the books "Grandma Rides A Harley" that have not sold. He will check if HOG Chapter is getting credit for any that are sold.

Carl A. Could we sell the t-shirts and books at this year's Christmas Party??

Julie K. Still carrying around Father Fred pins since 2009. Shirts left over could be sold for \$5.00. All in favor of that.

Sherri B. Could we sell the shirts on Hot Dog Saturday's?? Don "Don't waste your time"!! It would be better to donate to Father Fred and they can give them out. Don "Shirts belong to Father Fred and books belong to the Chapter".

LOH: Barb L. No current plans but will restart in the fall since everyone is extra busy during the summer.

Membership: Keith All of May and June's new bike buyers have been contacted. Don will make sure he gets the names to Keith every month. Two new members will be attending Thursday's Chapter Meeting. Current membership is 74 and the last 6 new members will bring the total membership to 80.

Per Don the group has as many active members as when they were 120 members. They were always added to the membership now they have to attend a function i.e.: ride or meeting and let an office know they want to join. When they attend a meeting Keith or Mike will sign off the registration and let Classic know so we get paid.

Safety Carl A. Discussed why we ride staggered, importance of hand signals. If no Road Captains show up for a posted ride just decide who will lead the ride, give a ride briefing and ride. Two or more riders are enough for a ride. Spur of the moment rides get more riders vs. the planned rides.

Julie A. will mention who is going to the Rally on what day and time so groups can travel together. Check in starts at 9:00A.M. till 6:00P.M. on Thursday. Opening Ceremony is 7:00 or 7:30 P.M. Julie will also check with SOM on our Non Profit Status.

Sunday's ride to Vogel Center leaves Classic at 11:00 and we will stay for their Benefit Ride at 1:30.

Mike L. will talk to Don about changing Father Fred from 2 days to 1, have stores punch the pokers cards not us. How can we make it less stressful? We cut out silent auction and soliciting for donations this

year. We all volunteered and Father Fred Staff stepped up to help this year. Father Fred wants to be the last stop next year for the 25th Anniversary and they will have a BBQ for all riders. Have Father Fred open up on Saturday during the Poker Run so everyone can see what all they have to offer.

Mike will call a State Farm Agent to come out to the dealership since Allstate didn't show up this year either day.

Sherri B. Maybe State Theater could do a Father Fred fund raiser like "Wild Hogs". Have a video from previous Father Fred rides to be shown there.

Barb Long

Northern Michigan HOG Secretary