

May 3, 2016 Northern Chapter Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

Mike L. told the group we now have 64 paid members. He will print out a new updated membership list and give to officers at Thursday's monthly meeting. Heath Darling is the Fire Chief in Manistee and willing to give us a private tour on a Saturday or Sunday this summer. Mike just needs to contact them when we can come.

Sherry B. asked if we could have a slip to say "Thank You" to the Fire Departments we stop at to get our pictures. All agreed this would be fine. She is working on June's Newsletter and needs some more officers to send in their info to her. We will do 4 of these a year March, June, September and December.

Rocky asked how you can take a picture of the bike, orange challenge sign and fire station by yourself. Mike suggested taking a picture of the bike with orange sign and fire station. Mike will allow pictures of the group at a fire station instead of individual pictures of each member. Much faster when you have a group of riders at one stop.

Father Fred: Julie K. We still have extra Father Fred pins for sale from past years. Cost will be a donation to Father Fred. We have these years still available 1999,2001,02,03,07,09,10,11,12, 13, 14, and 15. Extra posters are available for anyone to put out. Sell the extra t-shirts that we have this year.

Mike L. Talked with Mission Awards for next year's Father Fred pins possibly use silver with a picture of Father Fred on them.

Poker Run starts with first punch at Classic Motor Sports, followed by stops in Leelanau County at Miles Kimberly Park, Benzonia County at Lake Ann Park across from Lake Ann Store, Kalkaska County? use the park near the Fire Station but it's off the main road and Antrim County at Alden City Park. Tom Miller is still working on the route directions and GPS coordinates are in the process too. Keith F. suggested a trial ride to check out the Poker Run in advance. If we need extra envelopes we can stuff them at the June's monthly meeting as we did last year. Still need 2 people at Alden and Kalkaska stops. If people wanted to buy an extra Poker Run envelope they will be \$10.00 and can ONLY be purchased at Classic. VFW is open to the public on Sunday for walk-ins for a charge of \$15.00.

Julie K. said VFW is open on Saturday after the Poker Run ride and they will be cooking brats and burgers etc. She is checking into getting a pig from Louie's Meats for Sunday after the Old Mission ride. Cost for the pig is \$600.00 but they will roast and cut it for free. Maybe add sloppy joes, pulled pork and a variety of sandwiches along with salads, veggie and cheese trays. Rocky will check with Ham Bonz if they can cook the pig for less. Wanda will check Sam's for items that we need if Julie can give her a list. NO Silent Auction this year. Last year we did not get what the value of the item was on a lot of the items. Not a lot of money was made.

Donna from Father Fred will be at Thursday's meeting.

To use all 5 of the big electronic billboards around town to advertise Father Fred.

A question was asked if we can add Father Fred on our Chapter Card or not? Vista Print charges \$100 for 400 paper flyers vs \$50 - \$60 for 1000 cards. These cards can be passed out at Baldwin Blessing of the Bikes and Fire Stations etc. The paper flyers are too easy to fly away where the cards can be tucked into the windshields etc.

Motioned by Keith F. and Seconded by Barb L. for go ahead and order the printed cards from Vista Print.

Barb Long

Secretary Northern Chapter HOG & LOH