

Union Thresherman, Incorporated

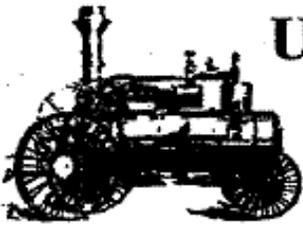
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March 2nd, 2023, General Membership Meeting @ 8 PM at the Union Town Hall

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:04 PM
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Dan C., Hoss G. seconded, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Mark P., Jeff S. seconded, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - None
- **Old Business**
 - The St. Jude tractor that was at the Spring Pull and Thresheree pull selling tickets brought in over \$110k that went to St. Jude.
 - Tim Raleigh and Mark Ferg are recovering from some health issues. Keep them in your thoughts.
 - Don Lee Hopple passed away, he drove shuttle for many years for us.
 - 10-year Planning Committee – Andy sent an email late fall to get some ideas of where committee members see a need on the grounds that needs improvement. Main idea behind the committee is to get ideas out in the open before deciding on anything.
- **New Business**
 - Shelia Schmidt Benefit – We've donated in the past and wondering if we should do it again. It was brought up that there are some other benefits coming up that we could put that money towards. Willie made the motion to not donate to the Shelia Schmidt benefit and use that money to go toward upcoming benefits, second by Andy M., motion carried.
 - JJ Hintzke benefit, coming up in April. Will get more details for the next meeting.
 - Mark Ferg – No benefit organized yet. Hoss made the motion to donate \$50 gas card. Revised to \$100 after discussion on \$50 not being enough to fill a gas tank, Dan C. second, motion carried.
 - It is budgeted to donate \$250 ten times per year.
 - Scholarship applications – These are for family members or relation to club members. See Gary for an application.
 - Scholarships were a topic that was brought up at the last board meeting on whether we should increase the number given out and the amount. The recommendation was to increase the number to three for the Manawa School District and three for outside the Manawa School District and be valued at \$750 each. Brian Z. asked if we should keep it at four but increase the dollar value to \$1,000. Jake said that having more opportunities helps put our name in the community more. Dan C. made the motion to increase to three scholarships for Manawa and three outside Manawa and be valued at \$750 each, total of \$4,500, Andy seconded, motion carried.
 - Steam Engine – There was an estate sale that came up and had an AW Stevens steam engine, built in Marinette, WI, available. Two steam enthusiasts mentioned that our club might be interested. The engine is missing a couple things and the boiler is bad. Andy said we could direct plumb it into what we have currently to make a display. The sale was closing, and the board voted to purchase the engine for \$5,000. Hoss said that we are forgiven.



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- Camping Director – Mark Phillips daughter, Mercedes, agreed to try out the Camping Director position for this year. She will work with the reservations and check-in during the show.
- Bartender licenses will be at the next meeting to renew.
- Willie said there will be a tractor pull meeting March 25th at 1 PM. Location to be determined.
- Kelly N. said that FVTC has not gotten back to her regarding tractor safety courses. The goal is to host on the grounds.
- Gary Schoen is looking for old town records and is wondering if any club members might know where any could be on the grounds.
- No new members
- Merlin B. made the motion to Adjourn, Hoss G. seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:54 PM

Recording Secretary: Jacob Elsner – *Jacob R. Elsner*

