



July General Membership Meeting

July 3rd, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.

Unionville Saloon

- The meeting was called to order by President Gary Knuth at 8:09 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Jeff S., seconded by Al T., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Al T., seconded by Gloria Y., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Observed a moment of silence for Bill Johnson.
- **Old Business**
 - We still have posters/flyers here to distribute.
 - Project list is posted outside the Saloon doors.
 - If you want to tackle a job, let us know.
 - Heidi K. gave an update on the Thresheree sign-up.
 - It is about $\frac{3}{4}$ filled, and we still need gates, bartending, and Sunday food workers.
 - Christmas party attendance – you need to work two shifts for free admittance or pay \$20 at the door.
 - Joe G. presented on the Carousel Building.
 - We would like to continue with a timber frame design to go along with our other buildings.
 - Joe and Brian belong to the Timber Frame Guild and would like this to be one of their projects. The Guild is a worldwide organization that can put us on the map.
 - The Guild brings in their instructors and volunteers and makes the project an educational project for the community.
 - The Guild will bring in 30 volunteers and make it a nine-day build for the structure, aiming for June 2026.
 - There are many different costs associated with the build, but it opens up many fundraising opportunities.
 - Kent C. asked about fundraising options.
 - This could be from equipment rentals to meals and lodging.
 - Cost is roughly around \$72,000.
 - Andy can put together a sponsor plan.
 - Joe is looking for the club's blessing to go ahead with the scheduling.
 - Andy M. said there needs to be a set timeline as there are many different things to get the carousel up and running and certified again.
 - Discussion about other buildings needing attention.
 - Kent C. made the motion to move forward with the project; seconded by Randy E. Raise of hands showed majority rules. Motion carried.
 - Rodeo parade is this Saturday, see Gary K. if you'd like to go through with them.
 - Farm Tech Days – We need volunteers to help and man our booth.
- **New Business**
 - Cleaning out buildings and general maintenance around the grounds is needed.
 - Car Show sign-up has started. See Heidi K. after the meeting.



- Wrap-up meeting on July 23rd in the Saloon at 8:00 p.m.
- Steam School – we sponsor two members to go, see Gary K. if interested.
- John S. is having a hard time finding a mobility scooter source. Is looking to buy his own and would like to rent them during our show for about \$50 per day.
 - Andy M. made the motion to allow John to rent his scooters during our show, seconded by Kent C., motion carried.
- John S. is looking for a group to designate his raffle funds to and would like to offer it to us.
 - Tickets are \$10 each and there are about 4,000 printed. Donation back could be upwards of \$10,000.
 - Andy M. made the motion to allow John to raffle a truck with our raffle license, seconded by Kent C., motion carried.
 - Kent C. made the motion for the proceeds to go towards the carousel building, seconded by Gloria Y., motion carried.
- Steiner Tractor Parts catalogs are here, take one.
- Andy M. is looking for memorabilia for the feature barn.
- **New Members**
 - Aaron Shmolenberg – motion to accept by Tammy M., seconded by Gloria Y., motion carried.
 - Gabriel Schmude – motion to accept by Mike B., seconded by Val S., motion carried.
 - Chad McHue – motion to accept by Al T., seconded by Andy M., motion carried.
 - Noah Miller – motion to accept by Zane B., seconded by Owen S., motion carried.
- Brian Z. said that before our show on a holiday weekend, we got four new members, and Gabby is only 12 years old.
 - Gary K. said that there is a flea market vendor who brags about our show and all the young members we have.
- Kent C. said we need to make things more appealing for people to come and help down here.
 - Andy M. – suggested that projects be planned out in advance so people can plan themselves. Make a day out of it with a cookout, even.
- Dan C. made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Al T., motion carried at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob R. Elsner

Secretary
Union Thresherman, Inc.

