



March General Membership Meeting

March 5th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Union Town Hall

- The meeting was called to order by President Gary Knuth at 7:00 p.m.
- Secretary's Report – Motion to accept by Eric D., seconded by Jeff S., motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept by Tammy M., seconded by Nate B., motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Observed a moment of silence for Members Harold Bessette and Lance Volkman.
 - Received thank you cards from: Lance Volkman family, Harold Bessette family, Willard Maas family, Manawa Cowboys Football team, and Laura Korth.
 - Appreciation party invite for the Rodeo City Riders appreciation dinner on March 20th.
- **Old Business**
 - Be sure to pay your yearly dues to Randy.
 - Club scholarship applications are open for outside the Manawa School District; see Gary for an application.
 - Tractor driving course at FVTC, we do offer sponsorship for anyone who is doing it. We will reimburse you for it.
 - Carousel Building Update
 - Getting ready to launch the volunteer list to sign up.
 - June 13-21 is the build.
 - Need volunteers to make baked goods and help with the meals.
 - Need to feed 50 people daily.
 - They work 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - Most will camp onsite; some will choose hotels.
 - A couple of members will donate the use of their camper.
 - Andy M. presented sponsorship opportunities that we are pursuing.
 - Different levels that correspond with the building.
 - Sending out sponsorship letters to get corporate sponsors.
 - Will need volunteers to help give the carousel a quick sprucing up.
 - Does not need to be every day. Any help is appreciated.
- **New Business**
 - A lawn care person is needed. Mowing lawn, weed trimming, etc.
 - Heather T. needs a helper for the food stand. It is getting to be too much for one person to manage.
 - School Field Trip
 - Nathan B. has been in contact with Manawa 5th-grade class.
 - May 15th is the tentative date.
 - Around 40 students.
 - They can arrive at 9:00 a.m.



- Steam School
 - We sponsor a club member to go each year.
 - If you want to go, you need to register and pay up front. Then we will reimburse you.
- If you have any address updates, let Heidi K. know.
- Willie R. said they updated the Spring Pull sponsorship program to be a tiered system. If interested in becoming a trophy sponsor for the Spring Pull, see Willie.
- Willie R. brought up that the Edgerton show wants to part ways with a 6-cylinder Fairbanks Morse Engine
 - \$2,000 or more to get it.
 - Our current one is tired, Jeff S. said.
 - Will need a group to go down and look at it.
- LuAnne K. has a draft of the poster/flyer; look for possible corrections.
- **New Members**
 - Paul Ebert
 - Motion to accept Paul E. as a member by Dennis H., seconded by Joe G., motion carried.
- Motion to adjourn by Dave P., seconded by Andy M., motion carried at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob R. Elsner

Secretary
Union Thresherman, Inc.

