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President's Message

Make sure to check your emails during the winter months to make sure that we have not cancelled or postponed a Meeting or an Events because of the weather. If you are in doubt that we have had to change a meeting or an event, give one of the Board of Directors a call. Here is my cel number just in case you do not have it 217-369-5868. THANKS.

Well, the Christmas Party is done for another year. WOW what a party, Good Food, Cool Decorations, Great Trivia Game, and of course New & Old Friendships made. I cannot say THANK YOU enough to Linda Ogle, Ken & Nancy Guyette, Barry & Debby Wagner for all their Hard Work for make this a Memorable Christmas Party.

THANKS!!! THANKS!! THANKS!

I will be setting up a Dinner and a Movie for the winter months, if you have an idea for a place to have a Dinner before the movie just get in touch with me. Please check out the Club Newsletter for updates on events. You can email me at dug.hanner@gmail.com or call me at 217-369-5868. It is too early in to have any kind of a Calendar of Events for 2024.

If any members have knowledge of a Car Show/Display or Cruise-In for 2024, you can also get in touch with one of the Board of Directors. You can also add events to the Club's website www.ccofi.org. If you have any flyers from other shows and events bring them to the meeting or email them to Gordon (ggreen570@gmail.com). New Ideas or New Events can be talked about at any meeting or just get in touch with one of the Board of Directors. If you have found there might be a place to for a Club Trip for a Weekend or a Few Days that would be Fun for members please bring it up at a meeting or get in touch with one of the Board of Directors.



Next Meeting 7:00 PM
January 9, 2024
Sullivan-Parkhill Automotive

**wear your name tag
and bring a chair**

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Minutes of November 14, 2023

President Doug Hanner called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., 62 members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and greeting everyone.

Guest or Prospective Members or Associate Members

None

Members with a new or different car – color and year

None

Good and Welfare

One of our members, Joe Smith, passed away. Please keep his wife, Linda, and their family in your prayers.

Election of Officers and Voting on By-Law Changes

Trustees: Aly Jackson and Ken Guyette passed around ballots for the changes on the by-laws. The results are as follows: Section 3 – Categories of Membership: Tied; Section 4 – Membership Status: Passed; Section 5 – Dues and Fees: Passed; Section 7 – Membership Privileges: Passed; and Section 4 – Voting: Passed. The new Board of Directors will have to discuss Section 3 since it ended in a tie.

The trustees passed around ballots for the Election of Officers and 3 Year Trustee.

There was only one contested race for President. The results are as follows:

PRESIDENT – Doug Hanner
 VICE PRESIDENT – Max Mitchell
 SECRETARY – Carol Castellon
 TREASURER – Brenda Croxton
 GOVERNOR – Gordon Green
 TRUSTEE (3 years) – Dick Lampe

Secretary report: Debby Wagner

There was one correction in the minutes concerning the time of adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. George Dick made a motion that the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Dave Crull. Motion carried.

Treasurer report: Brenda Croxton

Karl Smith made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Rich Lampo. Motion carried.

Governors Report: Tom McKinley

Tom attended a Governors Meeting in St. Louis on November 14th. As of November 10th, there are 240 clubs with 19,077 members. The largest club in the Midwest Region is Route 66 Corvette Club with 184 members. Corvette Club of Illinois will have 125 members when renewals are completed after the meeting. Number renewal will be open January 1st thru the 31st. New numbers will be open February 15th thru March 15th.

There is good news in the insurance department. There are no new claims against the NCCC.

There was a lively discussion on raising NCCC dues. \$10.00 for Primary; \$5.00 for Spouse and \$5.00 for Youth. The last time NCCC raised their dues was in 1986. The cost of Paper and Insurance is the reason for the discussion on the increase. Insurance cost for 2023 was \$190,186.00. Printing was \$76,721.61 and Postage was \$3,093.31.

Scholarships are now available and can be found on the website. Closing date is April 15th.

2024 Convention registration will open on January 15th and the registration fee will be \$160.00.

The Midwest Region will be hosting the 2025 Convention. It will be in the Wisconsin Dells instead of Chula Vista.

A check for \$21,362.78 was sent to St. Jude's Hospital from the 2023 Convention.

Trustees: Ken Guyette & Aly Jackson

None.

Report of club support groups and standing committees**Communications:**

Jody needs items for the newsletter one week prior to the meeting. Please keep sending pictures and articles for the newsletter.

Website: Gordon Green

Website is up to date.

Calendars

Calendars are available at the meeting and at the Christmas Party. Carol Castellon reported that sales are going well.

Social Functions:

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at the Elk's Lodge in Savoy. The cost is \$10.00 for members and \$23.00 for non-member guest. Please sign up and pay Brenda ASAP. You must be signed up and fee paid to attend.

There will be no club meeting in December.

Vice President: Barry Wagner

We are seeking suggestions for recommended locations for the "Fork On the Road" article for the newsletter. Please send your recommendations for locations to Barry.

Remember to notify the Club Board of Directors of any changes in your personal information: emails, home addresses, phone numbers, etc. Make sure that you have Doug Hanner's, Barry Wagner's, and Jody Retter's email addresses in your contact/address list on your computer and cell phones. It may help you receive emails from these people if they are in your contact list.

activity.

Minutes of November 14, 2023 *continued*

We are always seeking new ideas for club activities (Dinner Dash, Road Trips, etc.). Help is available to aid in planning the activity.

Please send in any information on members outside events such as fish fries, dinners and we will publish them in the newsletter and mass emails.

Items for sale

- Hats \$15.00
 - Decals \$3.00
 - Pins \$2.00
 - Patch \$3.00
 - Nametag Magnets \$3.00
 - Parade Flags \$17.00 (Flag Caddies are available from Corvette after-market suppliers)
- We also have Club Blankets for \$30.00
 Current Corvette Club of Illinois merchandise is available from Wagner Signs in St. Joseph.

President: Doug Hanner

The Muscle Car Show will be at the Rosemont in Chicago on November 18th and 19th. The fee is \$30.00 but on Sunday Veterans get in free.

Old Business:

Thank you to Roger and Aly Jackson for hosting the Wiener Roast. It worked out quite well having it with the Chili and Soup Cook-off for those who don't eat wieners. There was plenty of food.

New Business:


Joyce Cryer presented a possible activity for the club. On December 9th, the High School of St. Thomas More in Champaign will be having their Madrigal Dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$40.00 per person and the singers also serve your food. They have 57 slots opened for that night. For information see Joyce.

Corvette Chat

One of the members inquired about struts for a C-6. It is advised that you keep at least a quarter of a tank of gas in your Corvette during the winter. It was noted that if you keep the throttle body on a C-5 clean, it will run better.

50/50 - \$103.00 – Bob Kuntz

Motion to adjourn- Made by Steve Mechling, seconded by Bob Kuntz. Motion carried.
 The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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| Robert Smith | January 24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Michael Pierce | January 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mike Gruber | January 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rick Dawkins | January 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>DOUG'S TECH TIP</p> <p>I was talking with the Service Manager at Vermilion Chevrolet about when it is a good time to change the oil before or after the Winter Hibernation. Members might have already changed the oil in your Corvette before Hibernation, he told me that it is best the change your oil when you take your Corvette out in the Spring because of the condensation that might accumulate in your crankcase.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



Christmas Party/Banquet
December 2, 2023



Board of Directors

I want to personally THANK the outgoing Board of Directors for all their Hard Work and Devotion to the Corvette Club of Illinois thru the years.

Barry Wagner as Vice President for 7 years

Debby Wagner as Secretary for 6 years

Tom McKinley as Governor for 4 years

THANKS!!!

I want to also personally Welcome our members who were elected in November.

Max Mitchell as Vice President

Carol Castellon as Secretary

Gordon Green as Governor

Dick Lampe as a three Trustee

THANKS and WELCOME!!!

Doug





Letter From the Editor

It is with some sadness that I will no longer be serving as editor of this newsletter. Due to the growing lack of respect given to several club members, Larry and I have decided not to renew our membership. Good memories and treasured friendships have been made along the way. We don't, however, feel the need to be members of this club to enjoy the company and camaraderie of fellow Corvette enthusiasts.

We hope to continue getting together with many of you and enjoying our "rides".

Jody

