



Minutes – November 6, 2017

Vettes of the Smokies met at Logan's Roadhouse in Johnson City on November 6, 2017 at 7:30pm with 24 members present.

Roger presented a check for \$500 to Meals on Wheels representative Stephanie Walker. Stephanie spoke briefly about how they will be able to help families in the area with our generous donation.

Roger also announced that Pam and Jimmy are the proud new grandparents of Andrew Ryan Napoleon, born 11/6, weighing in at 8lbs 4oz and 21 inches long. Congratulations!

Mike and Mary Hunter will be hosting a Christmas open house at their home on 12/3 at 2pm. The address is 1516 Crescent Dr, Kingsport

Jamie and Tamera Parsons will be hosting a Christmas party at their home on 12/16. An email invitation will be sent soon. The address is 1102 Keeland Lane, Gray

Old Business:

- Ride and Dines – Several members stayed at the Mountain Harbor Inn in Dandridge for Ghost Fest weekend. The Inn is beautiful and even though the weather did not cooperate all agreed that they had a great time. The members that arrived early on Friday were able to take the boat ride offered daily by the resort. Saturday's weather did not allow for the boat ride. The desserts served by the resort each day between 5 and 8pm were amazing. Several members from River City CC also joined us. Saturday evening we dined at the Southern Charm Restaurant which had good food and service.
 - The Ghost Walk was canceled due to the weather. Joe discussed that we have 1 year to reschedule with any of the venues that they offer. More discussion will be held at upcoming meetings.
- Joe discussed the ride and dine to the Red Rocker Inn. Members also went on a walking tour of Black Mountain.
- Roger read a card that was received from Doug and Ardell Reynolds thanking the club for the flowers sent after the passing of Doug's dad.
- Roger discussed the Fall Corvette Expo held 10/20 – 10/21. We met at the Cracker Barrel in Morristown and went as a club. The VotS won the participation award with 12 cars and Roger won the Top Dragon Award. We went to Puleo's in Knoxville after the show. This restaurant never disappoints with good food and excellent service.

New Business:

- Roger discussed the annual membership dues which need to be in before December 1st. The amount is \$60 which includes the NCCC dues. If you haven't already done so, anyone who intends to be a member for 2018 needs to send a check to the PO Box (PO Box 3005, Kingsport, TN 37664) or on the website www.vettesofthesmokies.com and pay through PayPal (you do not need a PayPal account).
- Roger discussed an invitation from Henderson County CC to attend their Vettes & Toys event. It is being held November 11th from 12-3PM. They will be partnering with the Salvation Army, E. Hendersonville, NC. They are asking that we bring an unwrapped toy for a boy and girl in the \$10 range. Anyone wishing to attend should meet at the Cars & Coffee in Johnson City on Saturday morning before 10:00am.
- Roger discussed the VotS annual contribution for Thanksgiving meals.
 - A check for \$2,000 was presented to the Second Harvest Food Bank on 11/9. The Development Director Ann Rhem gave the members in attendance a tour of the facility and described the various ways they are able to help NE TN families. A photo will be attached to the email with a copy of the minutes. As a result of the VotS donation 80 families will have a Thanksgiving meal. They will provide a total of 6,200 meals for Thanksgiving. There are 700 volunteers who will be working to get the meals ready for distribution. For every dollar donated they are able to provide \$8.69 worth of groceries and they provide 9.5 million meals per year.
- Roger and Joe discussed our annual Thanksgiving party to be held at the Southern Craft BBQ (formerly Portico) in Johnson City on 11/18 at 6:30pm. If you have not RSVP'd to Joe please do so right away as the reservation has already been confirmed.
- Joe discussed the upcoming Christmas part at the Moose Lodge in Greeneville on 12/2 at 6:00pm. We will be meeting in the parking lot so that Pam and Jimmy can lead everyone in. If you have not confirmed that you are attending please let Pam know. **THIS IS A CASH ONLY VENUE, NO CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED.**
 - If you are participating in the gift exchanges please bring a wrapped man's and woman's gift. The gift amount is optional but a \$10 range per gift is recommended.
- The VotS annual Toys for Tots donations will be collected at the December meeting. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a boy and girl. The recommended amount is between \$10 and \$15 dollars per gift however any amount is acceptable. Joe will be delivering the toys to the Marine Corp office in Johnson City.

Reports:

- Vice President – Jimmy was not in attendance
- Activities –
 1. Joe stated that the ride and dines are pretty much finished for the next few months however he is going to try to schedule some dinners once the holidays are over. Any suggestions are gladly accepted.
 2. Plans for our New Year's Eve party have been made for 12/31 at 7pm at the Southern Craft BBQ. Joe will discuss additional details at the December meeting.
- Secretary – Linda did not have anything new to report
- Treasurer – Bobby read the Treasurer's report and it was approved and seconded as read. An email was sent on 11/6 with the ledger attached.

- NCCC – Jeff discussed the importance of completing the NCCC applications. A copy is once again attached with the minutes email.
- NCM – Pam was not in attendance

- Webmaster – Jamie reported that he had made some changes and updates to the website

Tech Talk – none this month

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. If there are any additions or corrections please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Corbin, Secretary - VOTS