

MEETING MINUTES—MP&CAC—HELLGATE CHAPTER

October 16, 2023

Legion Hall

Members Present: Karen Winz, Larry & Bev Berry, Dick Webster, Fred Jones, Dan McCaffrey, Jeff Stevens, Stan Cohen, Rollie Morrell, Dave Gasvoda & Julie LaVoie, Norm & Cathy Smyers.

Vice President Stan Cohen, filling in for Doug Winz, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Treasurer's Report: Karen reported on checking and savings balances (#s are in official minutes). She reported one bill for the annual Legion Hall rent for \$200.00, which represents a \$40 increase (the first increase ever that she recalls).

IMPORTANT--State Roster Updates Requested ASAP: If you want to be included in the new 2024-25 State Roster, you need to fill out the form located in the back of October Times and send it to Annette Terry who will be putting the new roster together. Her contact info is on the bottom of previous page (p. 15) in the Times. Also here: 2316 4th Ave SW, Great Falls, MT 59404. Another option is to call Karen at (406) 239-0851 or email her (karenbakker123@gmail.com) with the information. She will send it in for you. Even if you have no changes, you need to let her or Annette Terry know that. **YOU MUST ACT.** If you do nothing, your information will not be in the new 2024-25 State Roster. There is no fee or money involved here, just information update. Please know none of your personal information will go online.

New Business:

New Meeting Time: We discussed moving our potluck and meeting time to 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm because of low attendance. We agreed an earlier start especially in the dark winter months might bring a few more members out. Karen made the motion to do this; Fred seconded; members approved it.

Xmas Party: Karen reported that China Garden didn't want to accommodate us unless we could guarantee 30 people in attendance. We noted that several members are not here in the winter, some have passed and some have not renewed. We agreed it will be difficult to even get 25 people, given that our last two meetings have been poorly attended (11 and 13). We discussed the option of having the party at the Legion Hall on our regular third Monday, with potluck or catering. Cathy said Famous Dave's caters the annual Xmas party for the Corvette Club, which might work for us. Karen wondered if we could go to Famous Dave's, be seated as a group, and simply order off the menu. Cathy will inquire on catering cost as well as group seating at Famous Dave's. The board will make a decision and let members know before our next meeting. Stay tuned.

Proposed Tours for 2024: Stan said he checked out the museums at Seeley Lake and Bonner for future tours for us to consider, as well as a possible reschedule of a Lincoln cruise to visit the Wildland Sculpture Park and/or the Smoke Jumper and National Forest Service Museums. Stan is looking for tour ideas.

Club History: Stan proposed writing a brief history of the club using information and photographs from the old scrap books. (Stan is a published author and well-known history buff) Bev said she would get the scrap books to him at next meeting.

Upcoming Events/Reminders

Spring Tour: May 17-19, 2024, Hamilton, MT.

Fall Tour: August 16-17, 2024, in Belgrade, (sponsored by Bozeman)

Sick & Wounded: Perry Francis has been fighting a respiratory infection, Fred is recovering from a back injection, and Greg Wood fell, hurt his back and broke a rib. We wish them all a speedy recovery!

Next Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:30 PM, NO POTLUCK (note new time!)

Adjourned: 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Smyers, Club Sec.