Black Knights Car Club

Estherville, Iowa

Tuesday January 5, 2021

     The Black Knights Car Club of Estherville, Iowa January 2021 meeting was held at the Estherville VFW Tues. Jan. 5, 2021. Called to order by Dennis Houseman at 7: 00 pm with 11 present.

Secretaries Report:     Dec. 2020 minutes were read by secretary Gary Crandall. Approved as read.

Treasurers Report:   Given by treasurer Bob L’Heureux. Balance of $9743.48. The Club had a loss of $2707.85 this year.

                                     Dues for 2021 are now due. Club dues can be paid at the Feb. 2 meeting or mailed to Bob L’Heureux at 1617 255th Ave. Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

Correspondence:   Received a thank you from Spencer Ambulance for the gift of $200.00. This helps them maintain high quality health care to area residents.

                                  Received a thank you note with beautiful pictures of the family from the VanCleave family for the recent donation for bone marrow treatment.

                                  Received thank you note from Clay County Upper Des Moines for food pantry $500.00 donation. This helps with many services provided in area.

                                  Received thank you from Deb Weir Upper Des Moines outreach specialist for a $500.00 donation. Much appreciated for it helps with the 60 plus families per week that they help.

                                  Received thank you from the Fostoria Fire and Rescue group. They used the donation to purchase equipment for their  new tanker. They sent along two nice pictures of the group with the new tanker.

New Business:   Will support Dawson Siepert of Estherville with $200.00 donation for cancer.

                             Discussed supporting Spencer Fair group fund raiser. They were unable to have the fair this year because of Covid precautions, The fair has a place for Antique Cars to be displayed.

                             Discussed lower attendance at monthly meetings. This does represent a problem when considering ideas or actions by the club.

                             Discussed Advertising:

                                                                     Flyers alone do not do an adequate job.

                                                                     Need to use Facebook page to promote ourselves, events, new membership etc. Question is does any one know the face book page password.

                                                                     Use Estherville Chamber face book page to promote meetings at VFW, cruises, car shows.

                                                                     Use other clubs e-mails to get information to them along with Flyers.

                             We will donate a  gift of $600.00 to the VFW.

                             Propose a car cruise- in for the VFW’s 100 Anniversary on Sat. June 5, 2021. Could be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Perhaps we could offer dash plagues to first 100 cars. We could offer something to the veterans who participate. We noted we do have a cruise- in scheduled for Fri. night.

                            Garage Tours:   No information at this time. Covid will probably prevent this from happening this year. We noted there were more cruises in 2020 than car shows. This could very well be so in 2021 also.

                            Possible Future event dates:

                                                                                   Sweet Corn Car show: Saturday August 7, 2021

                                                                                   Lakes car Show: Saturday August 21, 2021

                                                                                   Spencer Drags: Sunday September 26. 2021

Election:   President:   Was not filled.

                   Vice President:   Was not filled.

                   Treasurer:   Bob L’Heureux

                    Secretary:   Gary Crandall

                         The Club tabled the President and Vice-President positions until the March meeting. We will continue as we are for now. BUT we need to strongly consider people for these positions. Members we need suggestions, volunteers for these positions.

                          The Club thanks absolutely every one who helped during the past year!!! 2020 was a difficult year! We still were able to enjoy ourselves and spread some smiles to people around us. To gift and say THANK YOU to some special groups and people and to positively represent our area.

Adjourned:   7;45 pm.

Submitted by:   Secretary Gary Crandall