

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
October 2017

The October meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 20 October, 2017, club president Charles Ward, KC9MUT presiding. This meeting could be called our first "Back to Nature" meeting because we were locked out of the Church due to a problem with the Church's night staff not being there to open the doors for us. Thus we held the meeting in the parking lot with illumination provided by the parking lot light standards. There were about 35 people in attendance, and after reciting the Pledge of Allegiance everyone present introduced themselves via their call sign.

Charles re-opened nominations for club officer and Board of Directors. Debbie Jenks, KB9DEB tossed her hat in the ring for the Communications Manager position. With that done the slate was as follows:

President, Charles Ward, KC9MUT and Brian Jenks, WB9BGJ

Vice President, Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Secretary, Al Burke, WB9SSE

Treasurer, Bob Streeter, W8ST

Communications Manager, Fred Van Kempen, KA4YBR, Brian Jenks, WB9BGJ, Debbie Jenks, KB9DEB

Board of Directors, Linda Nardin, W9LAN, Steve Nardin, W9SAN, Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ, Steve Shannon, K9SKS, Larry Averbeck, W9FLA, Terry Bowman, K9FMX.

Since there were only one person running for the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer positions a motion was put forth and seconded to consider those offices filled by acclimation, and this was voted on in the affirmative.

Ballots were passed out for the President, Communications Manager and Board of Director positions and the resulting votes were tabulated by Carole Burke, WB9RUS and Tom Rupp, KU8T. After the results were tabulated Charles announced the results as follows for the 2018 club year:

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Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the status of the treasury. As of 20 October, 2017 the numbers were as follows:

Income year-to-date, \$4,440.76

Expenses year-to-date, \$7,606.51

Cash on hand: \$177.18

Checking: \$2,279.38

Savings: \$7,825.81

Current membership: 133 members

4 prepaid for 2018

Tom Rupp, KU8T brought the hamfest prize that the club will award to some lucky winner at the end of the Ft. Wayne Hamfest. The prize is a TYT MDR-380 DMR capable hand held transceiver that is being offered as a FWRC membership renewal incentive. Everyone who renews their FWRC membership as of the end of the Ft. Wayne Hamfest will receive one chance to win the radio, and folks will be able to purchase additional chances for a fee.

Bernie Holm, K9JDF reported that he was looking for volunteers to serve as Table Spotters and for oil cleanup during the Fort Wayne Hamfest. He needs manpower for these two important functions of the hamfest for Saturday.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ announced he had stepped in for Jim Moehring, KB9WWM (who is in the hospital), to manage ham radio support for the Breast Cancer Walk that is to take place tomorrow between 9:00 am and noon, 21 October. Six additional volunteers are needed to properly support the activity. If you can help and have a reliable 2 meter handheld radio, contact Joseph.

Steve Nardin announced that the club will operate a demo station at the 60th annual Boy Scout campout and JOTA being held on the IPFW campus tomorrow from 9:00 am to about 2:00 pm. The plans are to put two HF stations on the air (on 20 Meters and 40 Meters) and a vhf station operating Echo Link to provide the Boy Scouts attending the campout exposure to the hobby.

Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ provided a repeater status report. The power amplifier for the 146.76 machine at Robison Park has failed, so the system is now operating at about 5 watts out. The UPS at Robison Park is not functioning because of a battery failure. New batteries have been procured. The pre-amp for the D-STAR system at Parrott Rd. has failed so its sensitivity is down a bit. And the UPS at Parrott Rd has also failed and does not appear to be repairable. Needless to say, the Repeater crew has their work cut out for them, but all of our machines are working.

Steve Nardin announced that things are moving forward to support the auction of ham radio gear from the estates KA9ZAZ and KB9AYG at the Fort Wayne Hamfest. There is a considerable amount of gear and the majority of the items have been tested to see if they seem to function or not. Steve noted that ACARTS intends to have their test bench set up so that folks can determine the status of things they buy, or intend to buy while in the Coliseum.

The meeting ended about 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club