

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
October 2018

The October meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 19 October, 2018. The meeting was presided over by the club's Vice-President Carole Burke, WB9RUS. There were about 50 folks attending.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance each person introduced themselves via their call sign.

Carole re-opened the slate for the election of club officers and Board of Directors members to be elected tonight. Persons initially running for various positions included:

President, Charles Ward, KC9MUT and Brian Jenks, W9BGJ
Vice President, Carole Burke, WB9RUS and Linda Nardin, W9LAN
Secretary, Al Burke, WB9SSE
Treasurer, Bob Streeter, W8ST
Communications Manager, Brenda Plummer, KD9GDY

And for Board of Directors positions:

Paul Prestia, KA3OZP
Steve Nardin, W9SAN
Clark Derbyshire, KG9FM

Since only one person each were running for the Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Manager positions, those persons were elected by a vote of acclimation from the club members present.

A written ballot was distributed for the President and VP positions and the results of this vote were:

President-Charles Ward
Vice President – Linda Nardin

Following this vote Carole Burke and Brian Jenks placed their names in contention for Board positions, so we wound up having five persons running for the four Board positions. A written ballot was distributed for the Board positions and the resulting persons elected to the Board for 2019 were:

Paul Prestia
Steve Nardin
Clark Derbyshire, and
Carole Burke

Thanks to Bob and Donna Streeter for collecting and tabulating the results of the election.

Steve Nardin and Paul Prestia conducted an auction of electronics gear offered by Kevin Loughin, KB9RLW. Seems as if Kevin has sold his house and has moved into an RV and thus needed to dispose of some excess equipment. Steve and Paul's efforts resulted in a fair amount of the material being sold.....especially as it turned out, to Steve. I heard Linda murmur "Oh boy, more stuff in the garage".

Bob Streeter gave the Treasurer's report. As of 19 October, 2018 the FWRC's numbers were:

Income year-to-date	\$9,196.83
Expenses year-to-date	\$6,041.16
Cash on hand	\$59.00
Checking balance	\$3,387.98
Savings balance	\$4,828.86
Vanguard Account	\$5,036.69

Bob also noted that the energy consumption at Robison Park has been on the rise. In the September to October billing period we used 190 KWHs which is up about 20 KWHs from the previous period. Evidently someone(s) is doing a lot of talking on the .76 machine. But then, that's what it's for.

Speaking of the 146.76/.16 (Robison Park) repeater, Al Burke noted that the spare Motorola repeater that we had installed at 146.76 (Robison Park) to replace the primary repeater system that we had pulled from Robison Park and installed at PFW to get the 146.91 system back on the air, had itself failed earlier in the week. So we removed the Motorola system

and got it onto Jim Pliett's work bench whereupon he replaced an output transistor and got it percolating again. It (the Motorola system) is back out at Robison Park and is again functioning as the 146.76 machine.

Carole Burke mentioned that the next YL luncheon would occur on 3 November at Joanna's Family Restaurant (Leo and Tonkel roads), starting at noon. All ladies licensed or not, are invited.

Steve Nardin announced that he is trying to coordinate a 100th year anniversary of the Fort Wayne Radio Club which is rapidly approaching (it will occur in 2020). He wants membership input regarding having Special Events station activities, obtaining a special call sign, developing a commemorative QSL card, thoughts on developing a commemorative button or keychain fob, and any other suggestions the membership may have. The operative word here is obtaining INPUT from the club membership. He can't do it in a vacuum. Steve's phone number is (260)-482-4039, and his e-mail address is:

w9san@yahoo.com, or

w9san@arrl.net.

Give him a call; he'd love to hear from you.

Al Burke reported that Jim and Annie Pliett (K9OMA, KA9YYI) have had their share of bad luck lately. About one month ago Annie was in their back yard and tripped, falling on her right wrist and ribs. She wound up breaking her wrist, cracking a couple of ribs and ruptured her spleen which she eventually had to have removed. She was laid up in Parkview/Randallia for one month (Jim and Annie live just north of Columbia City, so a lot of commuting for Jim). She was released to go home just today. In the mean time Jim managed to trip while in his pole barn earlier this week, fell on his wrist and on his ribs, and evidently hit his head and wound up at Redi-Med. It sounds like he is also sporting a fractured wrist and a few cracked ribs. He's going to Parkview-Columbia City net week to see if any surgery will be needed. The Secretary is thinking of taking up a collection for a large roll of bubble-wrap for those two.

Following the business meeting Steve Nardin and Brenda Plummer gave a presentation describing a number of Public Service oriented events provided by the club. These included communications support for events like the Breast Cancer Walk, the Huff 50K Run and the Indiana Trails100 Run up at Chain O'Lakes, the Fort for Fitness event, and PR activities supporting Boy/Girl Scout JOTAs, the Maker's Fair and the Fort Wayne Safety Fair.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club