

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
14 June, 2019

The June meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 14 June, 2019. The meeting was hosted by President Charles Ward, KC9MUT.

There were about 30 folks in attendance and following the Pledge of Allegiance, each person introduced themselves via their call sign.

Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST was not present at the meeting, but he had previously provided the latest club financial data, as of 31 May, 2019 as follows:

Income Year-To-Date	\$3,340.54
Expenses Year-To-Date	\$294.12
Savings balance	\$1,830.25
Checking balance	\$2,628.99
Cash-on-Hand	\$43.00
Vanguard account balance	\$11,145.05
Number of members	128

Larry Temenoff, KB9OS noted that when Channel 21 ceased providing weather radar video to the public he decided to write a letter to the FCC and to Channel 21 management regarding this loss of a valuable public service. He got an immediate response from the FCC and subsequently from Channel 21 (probably because he sent the letter to the Channel 21 General Manager registered requiring a signed acknowledgement of receipt). It appears that Channel 21 is now working with Public Television Channel 39 to provide streaming video of the weather radar. The lesson learned here is that it pays to be a squeaky wheel if you do it right.

Steve Nardin, W9SAN reported that the auction of approximately fifty items from the Brunns estate closed at 6:00 pm this evening and yielded about \$3,000.00. So the FWRC's share of the proceedings will be about \$750.00. Of the fifty-three items up for auction, all but five sold, four of these not meeting their reserve. The BOD will decide how to dispose of these items after the fact. Steve will have all of the purchased items at his QTH through mid next week for folks to pay for and pick up (cash, check or money order only). After that contact Al Burke, WB9SSE, (260)-637-1989, aburke55@comcast.net if you have something to be picked up/paid for while Steve is out of town. Steve received a well desired hearty applause from the crowd in attendance for all the effort he put into this auction.

Steve commented on the June foxhunt. Three teams participated as hunters. The Nardins (Steve, Linda and grandson Alex) served as the fox. Don Glick, K9LI and his wife Julie were the winners. You can find more details in the June edition of the Foxhunt Chronicles which will be published soon.

Charles discussed the status of planning for Field Day. It will occur the weekend of 22-23 June at the Old Fort. There will be a QRP night on the evening of Friday the 21st. Field Day setup will commence on Saturday the 22nd starting about 09:00 am, with the competition starting at 2:00 pm and continuing on for twenty four hours until 2:00 pm Sunday. We will use the 146.910 machine for intercom. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner Saturday evening starting about 5:30 pm with Charles as the master chef. The club will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs with accouterments, you bring in whatever chips or other snacks you might like. Be sure to bring a chair and something to drink. There will be a \$5.00 fee for the food (a bargain).

It is not clear how many stations we will have on the air. Looks like at least two cw stations, one phone station and a GOTA station. We are in need of someone to manage a six meter station (propagation to the East Coast is expected to be good). We are in need for someone to serve as the Safety Officer. It would be nice for someone to take on the task of providing breakfast Sunday morning. We are in need of a UPS to backup the logging server. If anyone has some HF bandpass filters that would be used to reduce co-band interference, that would be appreciated. Bring tools, bring spare co-ax. Contact any club officer or Board member if you can help out in any area mentioned above, or elsewhere. Plan on joining in on the next On-the-Air Field Day coordination meetings which will occur on the 146.760 machine on 18 and 19 June starting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club