

Northstar Chevelle Club November 19th, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The November 19th, 2022, Northstar Chevelle Club meeting was held at Flaherty's Arden Bowl in Arden Hills, MN. Eighteen members and one guest gathered as President Hank Millette called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

New members Jim and Missie Koenig from Lake Elmo were reintroduced to the group. They attended the cruise to Fast Freddie's last month, but not everyone at this meeting was on the cruise.

The balance in the checking account was \$1,476, a \$366 decrease from the previous balance. The decrease is attributable to meeting, website, and forum costs, offset by some mid-year dues.

No issues were reported with the forum or website. Webmaster Steven Coozenoy has been working diligently on alleviating technology costs. Our original website host has been sold at least once over the years, and we were never made aware of less expensive pricing options. Steven is also trying to resolve issues with an extremely large number of page views on the forum, which is what drives the billing. Just in the last six months, our page views have more than doubled, from roughly 168,000 to 362,000 per month. We suspect some type of malicious software is inflating the numbers, and the URL was changed in an attempt to remedy this. Steven will continue to monitor page views and work with the forum host on further investigation. In the meantime, we have upgraded to a less expensive plan that allows for 250,000 page views per month, with a minimal overage charge. We should see a significant decrease in our technology costs in the coming months.

Regardless, inflation is very much a part of our lives these days, and you may see a change in membership dues for 2023. Please hold off on mailing in next year's dues until further notice.

Bryan Flatterm is working on a more private Facebook experience for the Club page. He hopes to have that done by December 1st.

President Hank Millette asked if there was anyone in the audience interested in an Officer position for 2023. Karl Drotning indicated that he wants to continue to support the Club, but not as an Officer. On that note, Hank stated that members had previously indicated their willingness to hold Officer positions in 2023. The five individuals below were nominated, accepted nomination either in person or via e-mail, and voted in unanimously:

President – Mitch Despen

Vice President – Bob Wall

Treasurer – Terry Didion

Webmaster – Steven Coozenoy

Secretary – Bryan Flatterm

Bryan Flatterm will also continue to publish the newsletter.

The holiday party will be Saturday, December 10th at the Machine Shed in Lake Elmo. Festivities will begin at 5:30 P.M. Once again, we will be collecting for Toys for Tots. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy if you wish to participate.

Business discussion ended, and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.