Escapees Chapter 29 Minutes from General Membership Meeting April 21, 2018

Vice President Steve Gerner called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The members saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The current officers were introduced.

<u>Secretary's report</u> - Marie Rickenbach read the minutes from the meeting at the Fall 2017 meeting. Motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and the minutes were accepted.

<u>Treasurer's report</u> - Terri Wirtz explained the treasurer's responsibilities of the chapter treasurer and the reason that the account is in her name. We do not have all of the bills for the current rally at this time. The attached report was done at the conclusion of the rally and still may not include all bills from this rally. Terri also explained that the chapter does not use dues that have been paid for future years to pay for current rallies. Terri also reported that 46 members are paid up for the current year (2018) although there are a potential of 62 members based on last year paid memberships.

Newsletter Editor's report Dianne Wood reported that there are 577 people on the e-mail list. This includes not only members of chapter 29 but Escapee members from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Members of Chapter 29 get their newsletters before others. All members are encouraged to submit articles for the newsletters. We will be adding a new section to our newsletters ---The classifieds. Members were asked not to list more than 5 items for publication in the classified and to please ADD PICTURES.

Dianne also mentioned ROW at Escapade. Our Chapter will have a table with a trifold display and information about chapter 29 for all attendees.

<u>Vice President Steve Gerner</u> mentioned an e-mail received from Steve Masterson regarding the members meeting. There was no old business

<u>New Business</u> Election of officers. Steve Wood thanked all the members who worked on the quilts for the vets and then nominated Don Smart for secretary. Motion was seconded and taken directly to a vote. Congratulations Don.

Michael Tasto nominated Craig Rickenbach for the position of President. Motion was seconded and taken directly to a vote. Congratulations Craig.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Escapade</u> will be held May 27-June 1,2018 In Sedalia, Missouri. A list was left on the registration table for anyone going to Escapade to sign so those members going would know where other chapter members are camping. Andy Foster volunteered to take the Chapter 29 banner to Escapade.

<u>Chapter 29 Fall Rally</u> will be held October 4-7, 2018 at Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, South Carolina. Rally Masters will be Steve and Priscilla Phillips and Bruce and Connie Long. (After the meeting Linda Stevens also volunteered to help with this rally) It was announced at the meeting that Palmetto Cove does not take reservations but they have assured all Chapter 29 member will be accommodated. Palmetto Cove also DOES NOT accept Credit Cards please bring cash or check.

All Chapters Rally East will be held April 29-May 5 2019 at Pine Mountain RV Resort 8804 Hamilton Road, Pine Mountain GA 31822. Prior to ACRE an RV Boot Camp will be held April 26-28, 2019. The cost will be \$65.00 and will include 4 catered breakfasts and 4 catered dinners and entertainment.

The officers are working on setting date and location for Chapter 29 Spring Rally 2019. We are looking at April 11-14 or April 4-7 and several venues have been discussed. The rally fee will be reinstated probably \$5.00 per person.

This afternoon there will be quilt making and a tech talk in the recreation hall. At 11 o'clock the motion was made to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and carried.

Sincerely, Marie Rickenbach Secretary

After the rally it was decided that Steve and Priscilla Phillips and Linda Stephens would be Rally Masters for the Fall 2018 rally with Bruce and Connie Long acting as advisors.