

## Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

**Date: December 1, 2020**

**Meeting Location: Sombrero Mexican Grill**

• **President: Mike White**

President, Mike White opened the meeting for the Tri-City Corvette Club (TCCC) at 7:00pm. He began the meeting with a moment of silence for our fallen officers, service personnel and all who serve us in uniform. He asked that we keep them in our prayers. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome members:** Mike White welcomed everyone and appreciates everyone coming to the meeting.

**Guests & New Members:**

Colleen Huff attended the meeting again with her mom, Cecelia Mouton.

We had two guests who attended their second meeting, and they both have attended one event:

Josh McQueen, who owns a 2016 Gray C-7 Stingray, joined us again for his second meeting.

Gene Van Meter Jr, who owns a 2015 Crystal Red C-7 Stingray, attended his second meeting also.

Mike also welcomed back John Decker and thanked John for being an asset to the club.

**Sponsors:** Mike recognized our sponsors and thanked them for their support. Please remember to bring your business to our sponsors because the more business we can bring to our sponsors, the longer they can support us.

**Moore Chevrolet-Buick-GMC- Cadillac of Silsbee**

**Gulf Federal Credit Union**

**Thermacon Service Company**

**Bradley's Collision Center**

**TWFG Insurance Services, Terry Cauthen**

**Elite Auto Shield**

**Updates on Members: Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Jane Barron** was in a car accident and her muscles are real sore. Please keep Jane in your prayers.

**Max & Lee Dawson** tested positive for the COVID 19. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Shawn Bruno** is feeling better since he had his open heart surgery.

**Cathy Long** is still out with back problems, Cathy has been going to Houston to receive injections for her back to help with the pain.

**Dan & Glinda Pareso** are both doing better, which is good.

**TCCC Charities:**

Mike White shared that our club should be immensely proud of how many charities we supported in 2020. The TCCC makes a difference in our community by donating to each of the charities. He thanked all the members for their hard work, and he appreciates the members being active in all our events to make them a success. This year, the TCCC has donated to each of the following charities:

Buckner Children and Family Services

Texas Military Honors Team

Southeast Texas Food Bank

Outdoor Association for True Heroes, "OATH"

Humane Society of Southeast Texas

100 Club

Lamar University Scholarships

American Cancer Society

Jefferson County Child Welfare

Blue Santa Toy Drive

Golden Triangle Foster Parents Association-(formerly Jefferson County Foster Care)

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- **Vice-President: John Berry**

**Birthday & Anniversary:** John recognized the members who have birthdays and anniversaries for the month of December, 2020.

**Board Meetings for TCCC:** John explained that when we host the TCCC's Officers and Board Meetings, we discuss new business and items to be voted on and presented to the club members for voting. John stated that if you have any questions about topics that are discussed, please ask Mike, John or any Board Member and they will be glad to explain or answer any questions concerning the board meetings. As officers and board members, we always look at the whole picture to see what is best for the club. Again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your questions.

**Past Events Overview:** John thanked everyone who attended the **Bruno Wine and Bonfire**. It was a great event and John thanked Shawn and Misha for hosting the event.

**Blue Santa Parade & Toy Drive:** John thanked the members who braved the weather and came to support the Blue Santa Toy Drive and Parade. We had four corvettes that attended the parade. Rod Johnstone shared that the Blue Santa had his choice to ride in the firetruck or police car, but he selected to ride with John Decker in his blue corvette. John Berry thanked John Decker for putting his top down and bearing the weather to drive the Blue Santa all around Beaumont. Plus, TCCC donated \$1,000 to the Blue Santa Toy Drive.

**Benefit and Car Shows:** John shared we had several members attend the car show at Terrell Park.

**Nederland Car Show:** Nederland had a car show that John Berry and John Decker attended.

#### **Upcoming Events**

**ToyFeast for the Salvation Army:** Friday morning, December 11, 2020 we need corvettes to drop off the toys we collect at the meeting for Channel 6 and Fox 4 who are hosting the ToyFeast for the Salvation Army. The ToyFeast drop off location is Channel 6 KFDM on I-10 in Beaumont. More information to follow by email.

We normally donate \$100.00 to the Salvation Army for the ToyFeast. Rod Johnstone made a motion to increase the donation to \$500.00. Kim Merideth seconded the motion and the members voted and approved the donation of \$500.00 to the Salvation Army for the ToyFeast.

**Humane Society Vettes for Pets & Show and Shine:** Mike needs someone to assist him in hosting the Vettes for Pets for the Humane Society of Southeast Texas. Michael Merideth volunteered to be his assistant to host the Show and Shine for the Humane Society.

**Humane Society – Vettes for Pets, Show and Shine will be Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 10:00a to 2:00p, at PetSmart in the Kroger Shopping Center in Beaumont on Dowlen Road.**

**Annual Banquet:** The club is in the process of trying to locate a place to host our Annual Banquet. If you have any suggestions, please let Mike know.

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- **Treasurer: Willa White**

Willa presented the finance report for November 2020. She shared that the deposits are greater every month, and that we are an extremely healthy club financially to support our charities, however we need to be responsible on how we spend our funds.

Willa hopes that everyone has a good Thanksgiving and she wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

- **Secretary: Glinda Pareso**

The minutes can be located on the website in the newsletter or directly under the tab for minutes.

**We had several letters to read to our members:**

**Lamar University** is incredibly grateful for the TCCC donation to their Scholarship Program. They shared that gifts like this one, make a significant difference in their students' lives.

**Humane Society of Southeast Texas** sent a letter thanking the TCCC for their generous donation. They shared that we have made a lasting impact in the lives of many animals... 2,004 to be exact.

**Charity Information**

Glinda shared that at the November meeting, we received a Charity Application Form request from the 100 Club. The 100 Club provides immediate financial assistance to the dependent's spouse and the children of officers and firefighters who have lost their life or were injured in the line of duty in Jefferson, Hardin, and Orange Counties. This application was presented at the Officers and Board Members meeting, and was approved to provide a donation of \$1,000 and to present the motion to the club members for a vote. Glinda shared with the members about the motion to donate \$1,000 to the 100 Club. The members voted and approved the donation of \$1,000 to the 100 Club. The Officers and Board Members also recommended we make the 100 Club one of our annual charities. Glinda presented the motion to the club members to make the 100 Club one of our annual charities. The members voted and approved the motion.

**Charity Application Form needs to be updated in Part 3 Organization Structure and Administration**, Item 1. C. states "Does the board of directors and officers receive compensation in any form?" No or Yes (If yes, you do not qualify for consideration)

The Officers and Board Members discussed the criteria with the application in Part 3, a motion was made to change the application form. Rod Johnstone made the motion to change Part 3. 1.c. to After Yes, (You must provide a financial statement and identify what percent is paid to the Directors and Officers.). Coach Burgess seconded the motion and the board members voted and approved the change on the Charity Application Form.

- **Board Member: David White**

David had to work and could not attend the meeting.

- **Board Member: Bryan Serafino**

Bryan did not attend the meeting as he is staying isolated to be cautious of not bringing the virus home to his daughter.

- **Board Member: Roger Ross**

Roger wanted to thank everyone for their support of the Blue Santa Parade and Toy Drive. He thanked the TCCC for their donation of \$1,000 to the Blue Santa Toy Drive.

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- **Board Member: Rod Johnstone**

Rod thanked John Decker for braving the weather and carrying the Blue Santa in his blue corvette for the parade all around Beaumont. He shared that the Blue Santa had a great time riding in the vette and waving to all the people along the parade route.

- **Board Member: Brad Metz**

Brad was not in attendance, but Lynn Metz was here to represent Brad. She shared that Brad had no new letters or funds that came in the mail for the club.

- **Board Member: Coach Burgess**

Coach shared that he presented a check for \$200.00 to the Southeast Texas Food Bank. These funds were collected at the November meeting. He wanted to thank all the members who donated funds to the food bank last meeting. They really appreciate our donations.

- **Newsletter: Jane Barron**

Jane was not in attendance due to being in a car accident. We hope she feels better soon.

- **Membership Director: Cathy Long**

Mike shared that Cathy is still out with her back and could not be here.

- **National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Glenn Johnson**

Glenn shared that he just returned from a meeting with the NCM in Bowling Green, and they covered routine business for the NCM. He shared that it was snowing in Bowling Green during his visit.

- **Members Comments:**

Andrea Johnson shared that when a child or grandchild donates to the food bank, they provide certificates with the child's name on the certificate thanking them for their donation. This is a great way to get our younger generation involved with giving and a great means to raise funds for the food bank.

Dan Pareso shared that his brother Dave and wife Chrissy enjoyed attending our meeting, and were surprised how friendly everyone was and how everyone greeted them. They were impressed with all the things we do and how many charities we donate to yearly. Dan shared that they made an offer on a home, and will be moving to Texas in January, 2021. Dave & Chrissy are looking forward to being involved with the club.

**Door Prizes:** Willa recommended that we hold off on the door prize raffle and donate funds to the food bank. Please see Mike (Coach) Burgess to make your donation after the meeting. There was no pot to split since there was no raffle. The funds will be donated to the food bank.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00pm dinner & 7:00pm meeting  
Sombrero Mexican Grill.