

## **New York State Good Sam Club September 22, 2018 Fall Fest Meeting**

A meeting of the New York Good Sam Club was held at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Cemetery Street, Frankfort, New York.

**In Attendance:** Apple Valley, John Sutton; Center State Sams, Harold Mitchell; Instigator Sams, Ken Kukura; Mohawk Majestics, Rich Ferillito; Sam's Grape Stompers, Ann Sullivan; Super Sams, Bill DeCota; Tri City Sams, Rich and Wendy Nastke, Northern Lights, Glen Gasstrom; Seneca Sams, Betty Neilsen.

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the New York State Good Sam Club held on **September 22, 2018** at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY, was called to order at 1:05 pm by Steve Sykes, Director, by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Rich Ferilito gave the Invocation.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Rich Ferilito, seconded by Betty Neilsen and passed by all to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 15th, 2018 meeting and accept same as e-mailed.

**Treasurer's Report:** In lieu of Jim Smith's absence for medical reasons, Glen Gasstrom gave the report. We had a balance of \$23,479.67 after the samboree. Expenses of \$14,070.7 were deducted, leaving a balance of \$9,409.50. There was approximately a \$600 profit from the samboree. NYSGS has raised and donated \$1,686.14 to charity for 2018. Fall Fest income/expenses still have to be calculated before a year-end balance can be reached. A motion was made by Rich Ferilito and seconded by Harold Mitchell to accept the treasurer's report. It was passed by all. A motion was made by Betty Neilson, seconded by Harold Mitchell, and passed by all to maintain a \$9,000 balance in the treasury with anything over that going to charity.

**Charity:** Steve gave a quick update on Halo's Wish. For 2018 Halo's Wish sent 2 children to Hershey Park and one child to Sesame Place. Steve reported that New York has submitted the names of 3 children from New York to be considered for next year's recipients. A motion was made by Harold Mitchell, seconded by Glen Gasstrom and passed by all to have only one (1) charity for 2019. A vote was taken and the **Charity for 2019 will be Halo's Wish.**

**Correspondence:** Steve read a thank you note from the Ilion/Frankfort Food Bank for the donation of the items we collected at the samboree, and a thank you from the Linus Project. Twenty-five blankets were donated.

**Theme For 2019 Samboree:** The chosen theme for the 2019 Samboree is Halloween. The dates for the **2019 Samboree are July 12-14, 2019. 2019. The Fall Fest will be held September 20-22, 2019.**

**Budget:** An Audit and Budget meeting was scheduled to be held following the regular meeting. Steve stated that as a cost saving move, he was going to do away with printing the large program booklet and only print a pocket program. The pocket program will be larger than the present one with larger print. The Merchants' Guide will no longer be included in the Goody Bags. A poster with a map and list of merchants in the area will be displayed on the wall instead.

**Membership:** Betty Nielson started a discussion on how to get more members to attend the samboree. It was suggested to give an award to the chapter with the most rigs present. This award would have to be based on percentage of rigs present as well as total rigs present, A motion was made by Glen Gasstrom, seconded by Harold Mitchell, and passed by all to give two awards (ribbon and certificate) to the chapters with the greatest **percentage** of rigs attending the samboree and an award to the chapter with the greatest **number** of rigs in attendance.

**Adjourned at 2:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted: Linda Gasstrom (acting Secretary for Nancy Smith)