

The Freedom Riders of Indiana Chapter 4

Meeting minutes for: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Members Present:

Odie      Wings      Tinkerbelle      Rowdy      Outlaw      Sassy      Bubbles  
Angel      Ol Man      Nana      Mutt      Cowboy      Grace      Willy  
Bear      Bouncer      Spaceman

Guest:

Jason Adamson      Casey Duke      Onnaliece

Meeting called to order by: Odie

Pledge Recited

Prayer Given by: Odie

Minutes from September meeting passed out by Odie

Minutes from October: N/A      ( Meeting was canceled by Odie due to lack of attendance and poor weather.)

Member/Posse/JR Posse Applications:

Casey Duke-Member      Jason Adamson-Posse

Motion to vote in New Applications by: Odie

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mutt

All approved

Reports:

President:

1. Odie has brought the attention to the membership, that all fund raising/activity/ideas needs to be brought to him personally first and foremost! Per Constitution the President oversees any and all operation of the Chapter. Once the Fund raising/activity/ideas are brought to him, then he can either present them in the next monthly meeting and/or TFR4 Chat to the membership. There was discussion on maybe a proposal chat to have these discussions. Also a possibility of an event calendar to be created to help keep events/fundraising from interfering with other events/fundraising on the same day. Still in discussions.
2. The Freedom Riders of Indiana Chapter 4 started in 2012. February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 marks the 4-year term of Officers. Odie has made up the TFR4 Official Voting Ballads. There will be no more than 3 names per Officer positions. You must be a Full Patch Member to run for any officer positions. If any Full Patch Member wants to run for any of the Officer positions, contact Odie directly to have your name put on the ballad for whichever position they want to run for. Odie read off all the Officer positions available. Positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lieutenant, Road Captain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Road Captain, Sargent of Arms, Recruiter, Public Relations Officer, and Historian. Anyone in the current positions can also rerun for their positions or even put in for a different one if they would like. Again, contact Odie directly to have your name added. If no one puts in for any certain officer position by election day, then that position will remain open for a future Full Patch Member to be nominated and elected. Odie has also announced that he will be looking to contact another Chapter to attend for witnessing the ballad counting on the election day.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance Checking: N/A

Beginning Balance Savings: N/A

Deposits: N/A

Expenditures: N/A

Ending Balance: N/A

RN was out of town, and we can add the report at a later date.

Road Captain:

Bear reported to the Membership, that we had a very good experience presenting a Plaque and a Freedom Rider Coin to the Gas City Police Department for their contribution in the escort and safety of our Suicide Awareness Ride. Road Captains, Panther and Bear, President Odie, and Grace attended the presentation to Captain Burdette of the Gas City Police Department. We had some really good conversations and made sure to show our appreciation to the Gas City Police Department for their sacrifice of what they do to keep everyone safe with their job. They also showed their appreciation to us for what our mission is to contribute to our Veterans of all services. We hope to work together again in the future.

Motion to accept all Officer Reports by Odie

2<sup>nd</sup> by Rowdy

All in favor: Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. The River Rally set up was a Great Success! Beings the River Rally was sold out of spots for the 2023 year, it was brought up in open discussion at the end of Septembers meeting about if anyone knew someone that may live off of Main Street of Jonesboro, that we could possibly set up. Outlaw said he knew someone and would check with them if we could possibly set up on their Personal property. Outlaw confirmed that we had the ok to set up on that personal property. Recruiter Ol Man contacted President Odie and met for breakfast to discuss the possibilities. Afterwards Ol Man and Odie went to the location of the property and confirmed that it would be a great place to try out for the 2023 year and posted in chat to the membership. Outlaw and Sassy donated cases of bottled water, Sweet tea, and purchased

all kinds of different pop to sell at the booth for \$1.00 each. With the sales and an anonymous donation, we raised \$183.00. The owners of the property attended and learned what our group is all about. In the History of The Freedom Riders of Indiana Chapter 4, we also received the biggest donation from 1 person/Business ever! A \$500.00 check was donated to The Freedom Riders of Indiana Chapter 4 from a Church that the property owners attend. With the grand total being \$683.00!!! Also we have been invited back to that location for next year to set up if we would like. That decision will be made by next year in the upcoming monthly meetings.

2. JR Posse Tinkerbelle presented some more of her ideas for organizing TikTok, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram to help promote ride dates/show past rides. Possibility of live videos/footage during rides and events. Still in discussion for future reference.

Motion to accept Old Business by Odie

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mutt

All in favor: Motion carried

New Business:

1. There was discussion of maybe the Historian or Recruiter to help oversee some of the JR Posse with the possibility of live videos/posting pictures.
2. Rowdy Brought it forward, per Constitution, for President Odie to consider a possible Posse President to be appointed to help out with some of the JR Posse section. Still in discussion.
3. Vice-President Bubbles presented 3 Veteran Families to the membership about sponsoring 1 of them for Christmas. The discussion was overruled to not just sponsor 1 but all 3. President Odie made a motion to sponsor all 3 families for Christmas. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bear, and 3<sup>rd</sup> by Mutt. All in favor: Motion passed. President Odie announced that he would have to get with Treasurer RN to see what our financials was like before we could decide how much to spend for each one of the 3 families.
4. Angel brought up about our Main, The Freedom Riders of Indiana, Web page. Who runs it ,updates it, and how we can access it. Odie will check on the Presidents chat to get that info.

5. Vice-President Bubbles shared the Texas Roadhouse flyer on the Presidents page to help get the word out to other Chapters to see if they could help support.
6. Rowdy requests for Spaceman to be upgraded from Posse member to a full patch Member. Spaceman has passed his endorsement test and has all requirements to be upgraded to a Full Patch Membership.
7. Motion to reserve the church in Fairmount for the Christmas party made by Odie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by RN. All in favor: motion passed.

Motion to accept new Business by Bubbles

2<sup>nd</sup> by Wings

All in favor: Motion carried

Important dates:

1. Texas Roadhouse fundraiser- November 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Military Family night- November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm at 221 S Adams St Marion IN at Jesus Fellowship Family Church
3. TFR4 Christmas Party/Meeting December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Church in Fairmount IN where we were last year, address will be made available in Chat.

Motion to close the meeting made by Odie

2<sup>nd</sup> by Wings

All in favor: meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date: December 9<sup>th</sup> at the church in Fairmount.