#### The Freedom Riders of Indiana.

#### Chapter 4

Meeting minutes for: December 9th, 2023

## Members Present:

Bubbles RN	Angel	Mutt	Ghost	Pepper
Spaceman Ol Man	Tuz	Skull	Panther	Willy
Nana Rebel	Grace	Bear	Wrench	Mimi
Outlaw	Sassy	Bouncer	Taxman	Casey Duke
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Jason Adamson

Meeting called to order by: Bubbles

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Prayer given by: Taxman

November meeting minutes handed out and reviewed.

RN sent out a report to Odie to have November Treasurer report Amended.

The report states:

November Beginning balance:

Checking: \$4859.19

Deposits: \$80.16 from Dairy Queen fundraiser

\$55.00 cash donation from Texas Roadhouse 11/19

Ending Balance: \$4994.35

Savings: \$1500.26

Motion to accept meeting minutes by: Bear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sassy

All in favor: Approved

## Officer reports:

## President:

Due to Family illness, Odie could not attend but made notes for Bubbles to announce for him.

- 1. Odie wanted to remind everyone that per Constitution, anything and everything such as events, fundraisers, ideas, etc. must go through the President before being brought up in chat. The President is to oversee any and all operation of the Organization.
- 2. Odie wants to also remind everyone that also per Constitution, elections are to be held every 4 years. 2024 is the beginning of the new 4-year term. Odie has made up the TFR4 Official Election Ballots. If anyone wants to run for the following positions: President, Vice President, Lieutenant, SOA, Secretary, Treasurer, Lead Road Captain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Road Captain, Recruiter, Public Relations Officer, and Historian, they must notify him before February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The ballots are made up of 3 people per position and you must be a full patch member to run. It will then be up to the membership to vote in the new officers on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Odie is going to ask for a different chapter member to attend to witness the ballot counting.

#### Vice President:

Bubbles made an announcement, that when elections come up in February, he will not be re-running for the Vice President position.

Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance: \$4994.35

Will be deposits: \$20.00 cash donation from DQ Fundraiser

\$100.00 cash donation from Texas Roadhouse

End Balance: \$5114.35

## Recruiter:

During the Salvation Army bell ringing at the Marion Wal-Mart, Rebel was approached by a woman that worked at WBAT Marion radio station. She was very interested in what our organization is all about and mentioned to him that she would like to get in contact with us for a possible interview over the radio station. Rebel gave her Ol Man's recruiter card for her to get in touch with us.

A motion to accept all Officers reports was made by: Sassy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by RN. All in favor, Motion passed.

## **Old Business:**

- 1. Texas Roadhouse gave \$100.00 from sales.
- 2. The Bell ringing at Wal-Mart was a great success and everyone had a good time.
- 3. The 3 Families that was voted on in Novembers meeting to sponsor for our Veterans Family Christmas can not be sponsored. Taxman explained that the Families that was brought to the November meeting was not associated with the VA Christmas program. Taxman has 2 Families he and his wife have sponsored out of their own pocket to buy gifts, (Unwrapped), and drop off to the Voluntary Services. Due to the deadline for the Christmas items to be dropped off for the Families on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for us to sponsor any families, Sassy mentioned to the group about possibly reimbursing Taxman and his wife for the money that was paid out for the Christmas Families. With receipts presented, a motion was made by: Bear and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bouncer for the reimbursement of \$415.74 to Taxman and his wife for us to sponsor the Families instead.
- 4. Odie announced in notes, that he will be working on the 5 years' worth of missing meeting minutes prior to the current leadership. He

wanted to apologize for being negligent in not getting this taken care of sooner.

Motion to accept New Business was made by: OI Man and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mutt

All in favor: Accepted

## **New Business:**

- 1. Due to the cold weather setting in for Winter months, RN has reserved the Church in Fairmount for us to hold our meetings. The cost will be \$60.00 for each month that we use the Church. RN is going to check if we may be able to rent it cheaper.
- 2. Willy has created a website for us but is still under construction to work out any bugs and get everything set up. The website is TFRCh4.org. It is still a work in progress.
- 3. Odie noted that we need to hold off on any fundraising, ride events, etc. until after elections.
- 4. RN has bought a sewing machine, so she can now sew patches on.
- 5. Angel announced that she still wants to be a part of TFR4 but, she can not meet the Constitutional attendance requirements. Therefore, Angel has announced that she is retiring. She still wants to support TFR4 as much as she can but due to personal reasons she is going to retire.
- 6. Casey Duke chooses the ride name "Huntress"
- 7. Jason Adamson chooses the ride name "Smokey"

Motion to accept New Business made by: RN and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taxman.

All in favor: motion passed.

# Group discussion:

Taxman said he will pick up a card for the Christmas Families.

Next Meeting: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the church in Fairmount where our Christmas party was held.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Taxman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sassy.

All in favor, Adjourned.

Meeting minutes was recorded by Angel 12/09/23