

## Power from the Past EDGE-TA Branch #240

The September regular meeting for the Power from the Past was held on 9/11/2023 at the Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church. The meeting was called to order by President Greg Skaggs at 6:00 p.m. We joined together in our Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for those lost on 9/11.

In attendance along with President Skaggs were board members Jerry Hayes, Zane Parker, Virgil Schmidt, Lyle Rasmussen and Rose Tidwell as well as tractor Chair Charlie Bub. Julia Davis was away. There was a total of 17 members in attendance.

The secretary's report was given and approved.

The treasurer's report led to questions and was tabled until later in the meeting.

The Vice President had no news to report.

The president reported of the dog park near Whetstone being plowed and a generous payment was received for that effort along with a thank you. Requests for a new volunteer to get the club trailer to events continue.

Our Care Person Ruth Perkins gave her report and she also lead us in a moment of silence to recognize the anniversary of 9/11 and those that were lost that day.

Communications received by President Skaggs came from Matthew Fuls in search of the steam tractor built by his grandfather. Greg believed this was the engine now in the hands of Drew Harrison and shared his contact information with hopes for a happy resolution. Also, from the Mustang Mtn. Church an apology due to the lack of participants for our efforts at their fund raiser.

Our safety, tractor and engine chairs had no incidents to report. Membership efforts led to a discussion on the next renewal period, how best to get the word out and payment options.

From the calendar we reviewed preparations for the soon to be Santa Cruz County Fair.

Upcoming events include plans for our Christmas meeting. We agreed to a preference to continue meeting in Benson at the Community Center and with the previously catered menu.

News from Empire Ranch, our application was accepted to participate in their Cowboy Festival.

Plus, an opportunity to participate at the Caterpillar proving grounds to display tractors, engines and to make ropes at their event was proposed.

In old business improvements to our Western engine are nearing completion and looking forward to showing them off.

We returned to the treasurers report with discrepancies resolved and the report was then approved.

In new business we decided to purchase a freezer to keep up with the ice cream making.

It was unanimous on the vote to display at Empire Ranch with additional information requested on trailer parking, shuttling back and forth from camping to the display area and giving rides on our people mover.

Discussion on possible inclusion at Caterpillar Proving grounds lead to some members sharing negative views about United Way, the recipient of donations for the event. The Vote was a tie, all are welcome but there will be no ropes nor a donation.

Next the President recognized Matt Stewart for his efforts for the club with some nice words and a gift.

Opening to the members we had a tractor ride proposed for a tentative date of Nov. 18 on Middlemarch Rd. near Tombstone.

Next meeting will be Oct. 2. Closing words and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Rose Tidwell Secretary Power from the Past