

Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting  
January 6, 6:30 p.m.  
Panera in Arlington Heights

Present: Board Members, Keith Carlson, Scott Assmann, Emliy Qualich, Johannes Smits, Tania McCarthy, Ella Shields, Nate Solomon, St Pat's co-chair and four guest members; MJ Drouganis, Jeff Strauss, Rich Koomjian and Tony Gugliotta.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

We discussed changing locations of board and club meetings – we will keep it the same right now and look for alternatives at a later date.

Membership – twenty five people signed up before the end of the year at the old rate. Emily stated we have 80 members already signed up for 2025, we are ahead of last year. Emily, Rich and Keith worked on a revised membership letter that will be going out soon.

St Pat's – Scott stated no changes, school is set, he needs a few more volunteers and cookie/treat people. We will start to do advertising as of Feb 1. The volunteer info will be put on the website.

Johannes will work on setting up a new email that goes to the president and/or other board members.

Harmon 100 – We have set a date of August 24, at Wauconda High School and a verbal ok from the school. We discussed various payment options, advertising plan and routes. Tania will head up the Harmon and several people at meeting volunteered in the planning. She will also send out an email to the membership asking for help in key roles.

A proposal for Ride Chair Plan 2025 was submitted and discussed. We will keep Sunday rides at 35-45 miles that is very popular and add longer ride options on Saturdays. We will try and get ride leaders signed up this year. We will get a schedule for April and May rides prepared and bring to the Feb club meeting for sign up.

We discussed getting new members, younger members and keeping current members. Emily will reach out to people that do one or two rides and don't come back to see what the issue is. We need to work on welcoming people and having them riding with the proper speed group. We need to keep that in mind on all the rides. We will also have the Welcome Ride the first Tuesday of the month.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb 17 at Panera

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.  
Submitted by Ella Shields