

GMC Great Lakers Membership Meeting Minutes
Spaghetti Warehouse – Toledo, Ohio – October Rally

October 19, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Steve

Board Members present: Steve Johnson, Jeff Rider, Joe Gillen, Janet Leslie, Jerry Newman, Sharon Gianossa, Faye Smith, Rob Matras

43 members present (including the board members)

Steve started the meeting by discussing the great turnout we had for this (Oct. 2024) rally. It has been six years since we have had a rally with 28 or more coaches.

Steve introduced the Fetherolfs (Jim and Darlene) who were attending their 2nd rally. Jim told the story of purchasing and fixing up his GMC.

We had one first timer, Jack Compton from Columbus, OH. Jack had to leave the rally early and could not attend the dinner.

Steve introduced the board members.

Faye read the minutes of the June and September member meetings. Becky J. made a motion to approve the minutes and Rob M. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve discussed the 2025 rallies that have been set by Jeff. He discussed that we need members to volunteer to host the rallies. There is lots of help from the membership for those that host rallies. Steve also asked membership to pass along any ideas that anyone may have for potential sites for future (2026 and beyond) rallies.

Bill Helmore spoke about 2026 being the 50th anniversary of the GMC Great Lakers. He proposed that we start celebrating the anniversary in January 2026. He suggested that we have special get-togethers to celebrate. We are looking for ideas on how to make this anniversary special.

The May rally – birthday rally- will be hosted by the GMC GL Board members. Jeff Rider and Nance Donaghue will host the July Rally. Hosts are needed for the June, August, September and October rallies.

Sonya Null spoke about the GMCMI International Convention that was just held in California. She said there were 50 – 60 coaches in attendance and about 120 people. It was a very social and fun experience. The Saturday of the convention was dedicated to social events all day. Mike Kociela is the new convention manager and has done a wonderful job. The Spring convention will be at Pride RV Resort & Family Campground in Waynesville, North Carolina. The campground did not suffer damage from the recent floods and there are roads available to reach the campground. Sonya was very optimistic about the future of GMCMI. Sonya is stepping down as the regional representative. GMC Great Lakers member Peter Carney will be taking on that role.

Steve handed out GMC GL magnets to those that have not received any yet. He also handed out some lanyards.

Steve introduced the nominating committee for the 2024 election: Tom Aubuchon, Peter Carney and Bill Helmore. Tom A. gave the results of the election. All the present members of the board have been re-elected for a 2nd term. Steve thanked the committee for their work, including Rob M. for his help with the technical aspect of the vote. He said thanks for the support and please call or email the board with any ideas/concerns, etc.

Dan S. reported that he has many GMC GL documents from the 90's and asked if anyone would like them.

Janet asked for any information or pictures to add to our newsletters.

Jeff spoke about registering for rallies and trying to streamline the process.

Members Steve and Shellie Broadright thanked the club for their fellowship.

Nancy D. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joe G. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Smith