

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday January 8 was held at the home of Board Member Mel Mann.

**The Board Meeting was called to Order** by Ira Shapiro, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, at 7:00 PM

**In attendance:** First Vice President Ira Shapiro, Treasurer Mel Mann, Immediate Past President Ron Mitro and Board Members, Jean Hawa, Tomás Hernández, Tim Merriman, Al Padilla, Mike Penn, Rudy Rodriguez, Gary Shanock, Bob Squier, Gary Stump and Philip Williams.

**First Order of Business – Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month:**

The Chair asked if everyone present had read the minutes of last month's board meeting; if so and if there were no questions, comments or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Tomás Hernández made a motion to accept the December Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Gary Stump. Having no further discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

**Second Order of Business–Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Mel Mann, Treasurer. A copy of the December report was distributed to the Board for review as the treasurer made his report. Bob Squier moved to accept the December Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ron Mitro. Having no further discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

**Third Order of Business - Membership Report:** Presented by Philip Williams, Membership Chairman. As of the November Board Meeting the membership rolls stands at 132 families.

**General Meeting:** Bob Squier reported that Millie Garcia sent a report stating that Brany Binker will speak at the January 17, 2019 general meeting; his topic will be the restoration of collectable cars.

**Holiday Party:** In spite of the heavy rainfall and parking issues, 58 members attended the holiday party. Millie had been able to negotiate with the venue's manager that we only pay for 65 of the required 100 participants. Following a discussion, it was suggested that we eliminate the gift exchange next year, have the party somewhere else, and that we should start looking for a new venue soon as they are limited and many groups are having events at that time of the year.

**Art Deco Weekend (January 19-20, 2019):** Mel Mann reviewed the plans for our two-day car show. The Saturday show will be for cars 25 years and older of any type. On Sunday the cars need to be 25 years and older in original or restored condition. All cars will be required to display a fire extinguisher. The show will start at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and run back to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Volunteers are needed as early as 8:00 AM to help park the cars. The vendors are expected to remain on the sidewalk and not use the street. Trophies will be placed in the cars. Our exit parade will start at 3 PM

**Mercedes-Benz Biltmore Way Classic Car Show of March 3, 2019:** Tomás Hernández reported that plans have been set, Andy Leavy has made all the contacts with Coral Gables personnel, and Mel Mann has sent the appropriate checks for the permit fees, for barricades, port-a-john, police, etc. Mel Mann reported that Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables and Williamson Cadillac are named supporters of the show. We need to make sure that enough garbage bags are brought to the show. It was stated that Manny and Millie will be the head judges.

**ACA National Winter Meet:** Millie Garcia sent a report that the Miami Airport Marriot will be the host hotel along with the Courtyard Marriott and Residence Inn. The Saturday evening banquet and hospitality room will be at the host hotel. Jean Hawa provided the cost for 200 "Save the Date Cards" but stated that 1000 cards should be ordered. Bob Squier will finalize the brochure to promote

registration now that a host hotel has been identified. Mel Mann reported an invitation by Eddie Dauer to visit his car museum for the Friday evening event. After a discussion about the logistics of transporting so many people with the distance and evening traffic issues, the board suggested that we not accept this wonderful invitation. As was done for our two previous national meets, an ad journal will be produced. Mel Mann will review the pricing from our previous two national meets and also made a request that all the board members solicit ads for the journal. Al Padilla offered to provide a display of vintage police cars. It was noted that some chairmanships need to be filled. Bob Squier will resend the required guidelines for a national meet.

**Other Business:**

-Ira Shapiro was approached by the BID of Coral Gables about having a car show on Miracle Mile as a component for Family Day. We would be part of multiple displays and events. More information is needed.

-Ron Mitro stated that the Elks Lodge in South Miami is requesting a car show. More information is needed.

**Sunshine:** Jean Hawa thanked Mel And Adele Mann for hosting the board meeting. She stated that Steve Vogel is recuperating from a stroke, that Bob Squier has been notified that he is a 2018 Master Webmaster, and that Jean Hawa has been notified as a 2018 Master Editor. Ron Mitro reported that Ken Hilton broke his foot while working in Las Vegas. Gary Stump informed us that he had a severe allergic reaction to one of his medications and drove himself to the emergency room before it was almost too late. It was suggested that he should have called 9-1-1 instead.

**Adjournment:** With no further club business to discuss, Ira Shapiro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. The motion was unanimously seconded and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Hawa, Substitute Secretary