

The Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association met November 28, 2017 at 6:30 pm for their banquet & brief meeting. Bernie gave the blessing as 21 members came together for good food & fellowship. A silent auction was also held during the evening where members brought items to be auctioned to the highest bidder. After the meal & silent auction a brief meeting was called to order by incoming Vice President Brian Schenck. Congratulations go out to Guy & Becky Spoonmore who became grandparents today to a happy healthy baby boy. What a wonderful birthday present for Guy.

Guy had flyers for the new beekeepers classes made up & gave to Bernie to bring to the meeting so that we could begin distributing them. Please take some and put up wherever you can. More volunteers are needed as well for the classes. Get the classes advertised anyway possible.

The Missouri state association now has combined meeting. The spring meeting doesn't have as much of an impact as the fall meeting. One of the cities up for bid again is Hannibal. Leann stated that the last 4 years the Missouri fall meeting has always been on the same weekend as the folklife festival in October and attendees may have issues with finding motel rooms. No confirmed date for the Missouri fall meeting at this time.

#### Treasurers Report

Ending Balance last month \$2001.80

Received \$32 in dues that has been paid & received \$26 in t-shirt sales

A check was made out to the ISBA in the amount of \$20 for dues paid and another check was made out to the ISBA in the amount of \$30 for dues paid.

Resulting in a new ending balance of \$2009.80. Dues can still be made at our next meeting in January.

Debi talked about the issues she's been having with fraudulent emails. A request was made by Debi to change banks from First Bankers Trust to another financial institution. Discussion was made on moving the account as well as discussion on it being associated with the email addresses & not actually the account itself. Although several members agreed it may be in the best interest to move the account no vote was taken at this time. It was also mentioned that we need an account with a debit card so that we can pay for the club's internet website when it becomes due instead of having it linked to outgoing Vice President Leann Moyers bank account.

Discussion was made in securing our website with a central email for the officers to have access to.

Leann made it so that if anyone posts a comment on the mvbees website, it is sent to Debi in the form of an email and doesn't post directly to the site. It is still a work in progress.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 7 pm with question & answer session at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Stacy Nelson

Incoming Secretary