



Knights of Lithuania  
Council 7 Waterbury, CT  
Minutes of January 26, 2019

Council president Linas Balsys called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm; members recited the Our Father and Pledge of Allegiance.

The majority of members present acknowledged reading the meeting minutes sent by email; those without email read a hard copy provided by the Recording Secretary; members unanimously approved the December 15th meeting minutes. Fran Stiklus made a motion to accept the minutes and Gintas Zemaitaitis seconded the motion; members approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Al Ulozas presented the Treasurer's report as follows:

Checking Balance forward		<b>\$4,010.03</b>
Total deposits		0
Total expenses	Utilities	<b>\$(292.29)</b>
Checking Account Balance	as of 12/31/18	<b>\$3,717.74</b>
CD Balance		\$2,029.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>As of 12/31/18</b>	<b>\$5,747.44</b>

Al also wished all a Happy Groundhog Day. John Kazlauskas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Aldona Onalfo seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Financial Secretary's Report

Bill Stokes reported that he collected \$870 in dues and \$50 from the Christmas party (total \$920); as of today's meeting date, 46 members have paid their dues.

Sunshine Fund Starting Cash	<b>\$66.91</b>
<b>Income</b>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66.91</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Stamps (in advance of price increase)	<b>(50.00)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16.91</b>

Bill reminded members that dues are due, and will be \$30 per member or \$45 for 2 at the same address. Dues must be paid by 2/1/2019 to continue receiving Vytis. Judy Vecchitto made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report, and Marlene Shea seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Houseman's Report – Linas reported that he had already turned over \$30 from donations to Al, and he was turning over an additional \$60 today.

Starting Cash	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Income (donations)</b>	105.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
To Treasurer	<b>(60.00)</b>
Beverages	<b>(15.00)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>

Jonas Zemaitaitis made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report, and Judy Vecchitto seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

**Club House** - Linas reported that he had a brief conversation with Father Aniello. The city plans to demolish Wendell Cross Scholl and use St. Joseph's school as a temporary location. They plan to make repairs (including fixing the water issue) however the city is seeking funding from the state legislature. The Arch Diocese will contribute between \$70k to \$80k for repairs, and the goal is to make the repairs by August so students can begin using the school in September. Linas did note that the club will need some repairs once the water is fixed before we can again use the facility.

**2018 Christmas Party** – Marlene Warren reported that the net profit from the Christmas Party was \$196.51 (broken out as follows):

Income		Ticket Sales	Income
# Members/Guests		38	\$0.00
# Paid at Door	\$5.00 each	10	\$50.00
Raffle proceeds			\$175.00
Bar proceeds			\$75.00
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Linas	Bar Supplies	\$15.00
	Fran	Paper goods (plates, tablecloths, etc.), Costco cake, decorations and candy	\$86.99
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$103.49</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>			<b>\$196.51</b>

Thank you to Marian Pelletier for her generous donation of \$44 to the Council from the sale of her CDs at the party.

Jonas Zemaitaitis volunteered to take the food collected at the event to the soup kitchen; Linas offered to be his back up if he is unable to deliver the items to St. Vincent DePaul.

**Parish Donation** – Bill Stokes noted that it has been some time since the Council has made a donation to the Parish; members agreed that we should determine the amount and make the donation after the Spring Fling.

**New England District** – We received correspondence from the NED President requesting a donation for the annual raffle. Fran Stiklus motioned that we again donate \$100; Bill Stokes seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**Future Meeting Schedule** – Fran Stiklus suggested that we consider moving the monthly meetings to Sunday at 11 am and that we only hold 1 meeting during the months of January and February. Members agreed that a February meeting was not necessary, so the next meeting will be in March. An alternative suggestion was that the November and March meetings only be moved to Sundays. The suggestions will be presented to the members via a ballot that will be distributed at the March spring fling.

**Mass for Richard Litinskas** – Bill Stokes suggested a mass in memory of Richie Litinskas and has agreed to coordinate the date with the church.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

**Mayor for the Day and Lithuanian Flag Raising** – Date is Friday, 3/8 at 10 am at Waterbury City Hall (Note: A snow date has yet to be determined by the city). During the meeting several nominees were suggested (Zita Smolskis was nominated by Fran Stiklus, Marlene Shea nominated Al Varanauskas, Bill Stokes suggested Ed Paige). However Linas suggested that we nominate Richard Litinskas posthumously for his contributions to the K of L, 48 Club and the Lithuanian community. The membership unanimously approved Richard Litinskas as the honorary 2019 Lithuanian Mayor for the

Day; Linas will contact his niece Lisa Lugauskas to see if she or Richie's goddaughters will be available for the flag raising and Mayor for the Day ceremony.

**St. Casimir Feast Day Celebration** – Bill Stokes suggested having the St. Casimir Mass before the Lithuanian Mayor for the Day Celebration on 3/8 if Father Aniello can accommodate us. Other possible dates include Saturday, 3/2 at 9 am or Sunday, 3/3 since both are close to the actual feast day March 4<sup>th</sup>. Marlene Warren will send an email to Father Aniello to see which date will work best for the church.

**Spring Fling, Saturday 3/23** – After discussion among the members present, it was decided to hold the Spring Fling on Saturday, 3/23 at 1 pm at the Parish Center; there will also be a brief monthly meeting between the social hour and dinner. Judy Vecchitto is available to prepare the meal; cost will be \$15 per person and the menu will be the same as last year. Fran Stiklus motioned to move forward with the event on 3/23 and Marlene Shea seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Sunday, 4/28 – Spring Pancake Breakfast**

Members discussed dates for the spring Pancake Breakfast and based on a suggestion from Gintas Zemaitaitis that we hold the event close to Lithuanian Pancake Day, we decided to schedule the breakfast for 4/28 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Parish Center.

Bill Stokes won the raffle and donated the proceeds back to the Sunshine Fund.

Following the prayer to St. Casimir a motion to adjourn was made by Fran Stiklus and seconded by John Kazlauskas; motion carried and the meeting concluded at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Warren  
Recording Secretary