



Knights of Lithuania Council 7 Waterbury, CT Minutes of May 17, 2019

Council president Linas Balsys called the meeting to order at 7:48 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 at the meeting; members unanimously approved the April 26th meeting minutes. Fran Stiklus made a motion to accept the minutes and Judy Vecchitto seconded the motion; members approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

April 2019		
Checking Balance forward		\$2,841.12
Total deposits	Dues = \$1,725 Spring Fling Bar Donations = \$99	\$1,824.00
Total expenses	Check Printing = \$127.16 Annual Supreme Council = \$1,020.00 Spring Fling Misc Exp (pd to F. Stiklus) = \$100.06 Utilities = \$192.98	\$(1,440.20)
Checking Account Balance	as of 4/30/19	\$3,224.92
CD Balance		2,037.38
Total	as of 4/30/19	\$5,262.30

Al also noted that the CD maturity date is 5/28/19, and that he would be investigating rates and terms prior to this date. Linas Venclauskas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Vytautas Jankauskas seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Financial Secretary's Report

Bill Stokes presented the Financial Secretary's report and indicated that dues are still trickling in.

Sunshine Fund Starting Cash	\$16.91
Dues received	\$45.00
Income	\$16.91
Total	\$16.91
Expenses	
Dues to Supreme Council	(\$45.00)
Ending Balance	\$16.91

Aldona Onalfo made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report, and Val Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Houseman's Report

Linas Balsys reported that the net proceeds from April bar donations totaled \$16; this was submitted to the Treasurer for deposit. Fran Stiklus made a motion to accept the Houseman's report, and Anna Juraska seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Club House – Bob Orintas updated members regarding the potential impact of the City's lease on Council 7's Club House. In his opinion, the lease with the City represents a great benefit to the Parish as the budget is currently \$1,500/week in the red. The Arch Diocese and City have been negotiating details for several months but the Parish has not been involved; Fr. Aniello was not brought into the loop until recently. He doesn't know who at the Arch Diocese is handling the transaction.

The lease includes an option for the City to buy all 3 buildings in the future and Bob expressed concern that there is no provision for any organization to meet in any of the buildings; the Parish Council asked that this be inserted into the contract language. Bob also noted that he provided our current meeting times as the change in date/time for our meeting had not yet been decided that point. He is under the impression that the City's use agreement will include the City paying all utilities, and since the lease is effective 7/1/19, he suspects that we will have to move from the Club House by that date. Al asked whether or not he should make the June utility payments; since the lease isn't effective until 7/1, we are still required to make the payments. Peter Gervickas spoke to George Noujaim and is under the impression that the City may want to raze the building and add a playscape or parking area in its place.

Linus Balsys plans to attend the Waterbury Board of Aldermen meeting scheduled on 5/20 to discuss the City's intended use of the Club building. His information suggested that some of the lease payments might be used to offset the cost of the building repairs. He also confirmed that the water has been turned on at the Club house.

Pancake Breakfast Results

Marlene Shea reported that the Pancake Breakfast resulted in a net profit of \$357. Bill Stokes made a motion that the price of the next breakfast be raised from \$7.00 to \$8.00. Income from the event was \$559 and expenses totaled \$202. Judy Vechitto seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Parish Donation

Linus summarized the net profit from the following events and proposed that we donate \$150 to the Parish.

Event Description	Net Profit	10%
November Pancake Breakfast	\$196.51	\$19.65
Christmas Party	\$524.00	\$52.40
Spring Fling	\$529.00	\$52.90
Sub Total	\$1,249.51	\$124.95
Spring Pancake breakfast	\$357.00	\$35.70
Grand Total	\$1,606.51	\$160.65

Linus Venclauskas made a motion to donate \$150 to the Parish and Val Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Audit – Gintas Zemaitaitis performed an audit of the FY 2018 Treasurer's records, and he commended Al for doing such a good job with the books; all deposits and checks tied to the bank statements. He noted that the last audit was performed by former Trustees Bob Orintas and Betty Bebrin in March 2016. The findings are as follows:

1. All deposits and checks were tied in to the bank statements, no problems.
2. Every month's bank statements were reconciled.
3. Two checks 1094 dated Jan. 21 and 1106 dated March 28 had no dollar amount only notation TBD (to be determined). Both checks were for dues to the supreme council. All checks should be written when the amount is known.
4. Reports for deposits should be dated and second date when money is deposited.
5. Monthly reports are clear and an aid to Trustees in reconciling with the bank.
6. Improvements could be made in filing records.
7. No other problems were found; the financial statements are correct.

Gintas suggested that the Treasurer standardize and date reports. Al agreed with this recommendation and will adjust events reporting to more clearly breakdown gross and net amounts from each event. Fran Stiklus made a motion to accept the Trustee Audit report, and Judy Vecchitto seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings – Completed ballot totals were as follows:

1. Move all future monthly meetings to Sunday at 11 am; hold 1 meeting only during the months of January and February - *Meeting Ballots* – 8; *Pancake Breakfast* - 12; ***Grand Total* – 20**
2. Move only the November and March meetings to Sundays at 11:00 am - *Meeting Ballots* – 3; *Pancake Breakfast* – 1; ***Grand Total* - 4**

Based on the results and the Council hosting the NED Convention on 9/15, the September meeting will be held on 9/13 at 7:30 pm; Fran Stiklus motioned that we implement the new Sunday meetings schedule in October; Jonas Zemaitaitis seconded the motion; motion carried. Linas also noted that the Council's By-Laws will require an update as a result.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Sunday, 5/26 – St Joseph's Church 125th Anniversary Mass – The mass is scheduled for 9 am at the church and will include a special program of Lithuanian music. All are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, 6/22 – June End of Season Meeting – The June end of season meeting is scheduled for **5 pm** on Saturday, 6/22 to coincide with Jonines Night. Linas encouraged members to share St John's (e.g. Jonines) night cultural traditions surrounding this annual Lithuanian celebration. Members agreed to bring an appetizer/dessert or if unable to bring something, to pay a \$10 charge.

Sunday, 9/15 – NED Convention

A subcommittee met just prior to the meeting to begin planning the event; Linas plans to follow up with Dave Boucher regarding the team's questions (reimbursement, agenda, etc.). Judy Vecchitto also informed the team that she will be unavailable to cook the meal so alternate plans are required.

Saturday, 9/21 – The Gathering – Library Park

Linas Balsys has talked to the Lithuanian Dancers but as of yet has no commitment that they will be able to attend. At this time, no group march is planned. Please keep the date in mind and information will be provided as it is received.

Gintas Zemaitaitis won the 50/50 raffle; he kept \$1.00 and donated the remaining \$21.00 back to the Council.

Following the prayer to St. Casimir a motion to adjourn was made by Aldona Onalfo and seconded by Fran Stiklus; motion carried and the meeting concluded at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Warren
Recording Secretary