



Knights of Lithuania
Council 7 Waterbury, CT
Minutes of October 27, 2019
(Revised as of 10.29.19)

Council president Linas Balsys called the meeting to order at 11:20 am; members recited the Our Father and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present acknowledged reading the meeting minutes sent by email; members unanimously approved the September 13th meeting minutes. Fran Stiklus made a motion to accept the minutes and Aldona Onalfo seconded the motion; members approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

September 2019		
Checking Balance forward		\$3,149.89
Total deposits	NED Raffle Ticket Sales = \$267.00 Bar donations (June) = \$42.00 50/50 Raffle Receipts (Sept) = \$17.00 June meeting guest = \$10.00	\$336.00
Total expenses	NED Raffle Tickets = \$265.00 Eversource Gas & Electric = \$255.08	\$(520.08)
Checking Account Balance	as of 9/30/19	\$2,965.81
CD Balance		2,037.38
Total	as of 9/30/19	\$5,003.19

Linas Venclauskas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Jonas Zemaitaitis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Financial Secretary's Report

Bill Stokes presented the Financial Secretary's report as follows:

Sunshine Fund Starting Cash	\$15.91
Deposits	\$70.00
Income	\$85.91
Expenses	
Stamps	\$(22.00)
Ending Balance	\$63.91

The Supreme Council left dues unchanged for 2020 – Individual memberships are \$30 and \$45 for 2 people that live at the same address. Bill also encouraged all to continue recruiting new members and noted that Janet Williams applied for membership at the June meeting but needs to be sworn in as a member.

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

Houseman's Report

Since the Council no longer has access to the Club house there were no donations to report since the last meeting. Linas Balsys plans to submit the \$50 in "seed" money to the Treasurer. Fran Stiklus motioned that the funds be deposited to the Sunshine Fund; Doris Blinstrubas seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Linas will not be providing Houseman reports until further notice.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Club House – Linas Balsys reported that Leon Farr hasn't yet sent the draft offer letter to the Parish as he is trying to verify the City's position regarding using the building as a club, parking requirements, zoning restrictions, etc. He is also investigating exactly what needs to be surveyed (e.g. building boundary lines) and if the building inspector will deem the current building usable. His goal is to accomplish these items by year end, and if the Church eventually accepts the offer, his vision is that the location will serve as a Lithuanian Center, not just the 48 Club. Leon asked Linas Balsys to serve as the coordinator between the Lithuanian Club and the Parish. Linas plans to send a follow up email to Father Aniello shortly to give him an update.

Linas also addressed the reason our Council continues to pay utilities. The Council needs to leave the electricity on in the event that we need to move our belongings out, and if this occurs during winter, he will also need to turn on the heat.

Bob Orintas suggested that storage for K of L items may be available in St. Joseph's basement. He also questioned the Lithuanian Club's tax exempt status; Linas is not sure if the Club is tax exempt.

Future Meeting Locations – Bob Orintas said the lease with the City says we can meet in the auditorium/gym and that neither the Parish Coffee Hour or the Brooklyn Neighborhood Association had to provide liability insurance. The Recording Secretary will follow up with the Board of Education shortly. Members were encouraged to watch their emails for information regarding the November meeting. Bob also noted that the Thomaston Savings Bank on Watertown Avenue has a community room that we may be able to use for future meetings.

Nominating Committee – Fran Stiklus and Judy Vecchitto presented the Nominating Committee results.

The following officers agreed to serve another 3 year term in their current positions:

- Linas Balsys – President
- Al Ulozas – Treasurer
- Marlene Warren – Recording Secretary

The following officers have decided to step down:

- Gary McGuire – Vice President
- Bill Stokes – Financial Secretary prefer to step down.

Linas Venclauskas agreed to assume the Financial Secretary position and Fran Stiklus the Vice President position. Since Linas Venclauskas is also a Trustee, Gintas Zemaitaitis questioned if remaining a Trustee represents a conflict of interest. After discussion, Linas Venclauskas agreed to step down as a Trustee and Bill Stokes agreed to assume the now vacant Trustee position.

The Recording Secretary cast one ballot for the revised slate of Officers as presented. The new officers will be sworn in at the November meeting and will assume their duties at that time.

Council Bylaws – A preliminary draft that incorporates the Bylaws Team's comments to date is available on request. Gintas Zemaitaitis contacted the Supreme Council to request the updates that have been approved since the 2004 National Constitution as we want to be sure our Bylaws are consistent with National.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

2019 Christmas Party

Members established 12/7 at 1 pm as the date for our annual Christmas party/December meeting. Marlene Warren reported that Daveluy's offers a \$10.99 all you can eat pizza party; she will follow up to see if the date/time is available. Ellen Jarus Hanley suggested that we consider local breweries for future events and will get more information to share with members at the next meeting.

Masses for Departed Members – Linas Balsys proposed that we remember all 2019 deceased members in our prayers, especially on All Souls Day. Bob Orintas noted that we've lost 8 members to date, and agreed to follow

up with the Church to arrange for a mass in memory of all that passed this year. *(Note: Subsequent to the meeting, Bob was able to arrange a combined mass that will take place on Sunday, July 19, 2020).* Members that passed this year include Richie Litinskas (1/21), Lisa Velez (2/17), Ann Valuckas (3/22), Dottie Barile (5/26), Betty Bebrin (6/5), Eric Zupka (7/4), Michael Zupka (8/22), and Phil Mauriello (10/14). Please remember all of them in your prayers.

Mayor for the Day – Linas Balsys noted that we need to discuss our nominations for the 2020 Mayor for the Day during the November and December meetings since we will not be holding a meeting in January.

50/50 Raffle

Bennett Venclauskas won the 50/50 raffle.

Following the prayer to St. Casimir a motion to adjourn was made by Fran Stiklus and seconded by Linas Venclauskas; motion carried and the meeting concluded at 12:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Warren
Recording Secretary