



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

Council president Linas Balsys called the meeting to order at 11:13 am; members recited the Our Father and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present acknowledged reading the October 27th meeting minutes sent by email; a hard copy was also available at the meeting for those without email. Gary McGuire made a motion to accept the minutes and Marian Pelletier seconded the motion; members approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The October month end Treasurer's report is as follows:

October 2019		
Checking Balance forward		\$2,965.91
Total deposits		\$0.00
Total expenses		\$(0.00)
Checking Account Balance	as of 8/31/19	\$2,965.81
CD Balance		2,037.38
Total	as of 8/31/19	\$5,003.19

Al Ulosaz noted that he paid Eversource (\$66.40 – Gas and \$51.34 electric) thus as of 11/17/19, the checking balance is \$2,848.07. Marian Pelletier 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	\$63.91
Deposits	\$8.00
Income	\$71.91
Expenses	
Stamps	\$(0.00)
Ending Balance	\$71.91

Bill reminded all present that the Supreme Council left dues unchanged for 2020 – Individual memberships are \$30 and \$45 for 2 people that live at the same address. He will begin collecting dues checks at the Christmas party. If dues remain unpaid until 2/15/2020, Vytis magazine will be discontinued. If dues are not paid by 4/15/2020, the individual is no longer considered a member in good standing.

Linas Venclauskas was unable to attend the meeting, however Bill reported that he and Linas intend to meet on Tuesday, 11/19 to begin the Financial Secretary duties transition.

John Kazlauskas made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report and Aldona Onalfo seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Club House – Linas Balsys reported that the Lithuanian Club is actively working on the City's position regarding using the building as a club, parking requirements, zoning restrictions, etc. Although the Lithuanian Club is willing to perform a survey, they need to know the property boundaries. The Recording Secretary will follow up with Chris Kelly from the Arch Diocese to try and obtain this information. Linas made Father Aniello aware of the Lithuanian

Club's actions to date at mass earlier today. Joe Karnuza recalled that in the early 1960s there was a major discussion between St. Joseph's Church (Father Braddock) and the K of L (Jimmy Valaitis) that established the K of L owned the building. Unfortunately, the current K of L organization has no documentation reflecting K of L ownership and has been unable to find any such evidence in the City records. Bob Orintas recalled a conversation with Eleanor Barkauskas that suggested the Club used to pay rent to the Parish.

Fran Stiklus suggested that we drain the furnace to avoid paying for heat in the winter. Linas verified that he had not yet turned on the heat and that he will consider this option and contact a plumber.

Oath of Office

Linas Balsys administered the Oath of Office to the new officers:

- Fran Stiklus – Vice President
- Bill Stokes – Trustee

Linas Venclauskas was unable to attend the meeting and will be sworn in as Financial Secretary at the next meeting.

Council Bylaws – Despite Gintas Zemaitaitis' efforts to obtain National Constitution updates since 2004, we have yet to receive a response. Marlene Warren plans to incorporate the 2017 proposed changes (which were accepted at that time) in the draft version and after review by the team, submit to National and/or the New England District with a request that they review and provide comments regarding any inconsistencies between our revised Bylaws and the National Constitution.

Masses for Departed Members – Linas Balsys thanked Bob Orintas for his generosity in paying for a combined mass to remember all 2019 deceased members. The first available date was Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 9 am. Linas Balsys also noted the passing of Sarune Macys, a member and very active promoting our Lithuanian heritage. He also asked that we all pray for Marlene Shea who lost her husband Jim last week.

Mayor for the Day – Linas Balsys requested nominations for the 2020 Mayor for the Day and anticipates that the ceremony will be held Friday, February 14, 2020 with a snow date of Friday, March 13, 2020. He noted that he needs to get the final selection to the City in January. Members proposed the following Lithuanian community advocates:

- Erina Balsys
- Jerry Covino
- Rasa Dooling
- Ed Page

No meeting is currently planned in January, so it was suggested that a ballot be provided to members at the December meeting so we can make our final decision.

Degrees – Despite follow up with National, Bill Stokes has not received any response to the Degrees requested earlier this year. He and Bob Orintas had hoped to award degrees at the Christmas party, but we may not receive the information in time.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

11/24/19 – 125th Anniversary of St. Joseph Church – The event will be held at St. Patrick's Church Hall. Tickets may be purchased from Bob Orintas in advance. Price is \$30 per person and the final sale date is 11/18/19.

12/7/19 – 2019 Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party/December meeting will be held at Daveluys Restaurant on Saturday, 12/7 at 1 pm. A flyer with details was distributed at the meeting. Please either send your checks to Linas Venclauskas or give to Bill Stokes at today's meeting. Cost is \$15 per person for the all you can eat pizza party. In lieu of our normal raffle, we'll raffle a large gift basket and have a 50/50 raffle.

12/7/19 - Holy Trinity Christmas Concert – The concert will take place in the Church located at 53 Capitol Avenue, Hartford at 6 pm. It features 2 Lithuanian artist, Viktorja Cepinskiene on violin and Giedre Speckauskaite on piano. A donation of \$20 is suggested. A flyer will be sent under separate cover.

12/12/19 - Brooklyn Tree Lighting Ceremony – The ceremony will be held at 6 pm at the front of St. Joseph's Church.

12/15/19 – Kucios Dinner – The annual dinner will be held at 2 pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased from Linas Balsys or Rasa Dooling. Tickets must be purchased by 12/12/19 and will not be sold at the door.

50/50 RAFFLE

Gary McGuire won the 50/50 raffle.

Following the prayer to St. Casimir a motion to adjourn was made by Fran Stiklus and seconded by Val Rodgers; motion carried, and the meeting concluded at 11:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Warren
Recording Secretary