



Knights of Lithuania
Council 7 Waterbury, CT
Minutes of March 1, 2020

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

Members present acknowledged reading the December meeting minutes sent by email; a copy was also available at the meeting for those without email. A motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Gintas Zemataitis and seconded by Bill Stokes; motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

December 2019

Checking Balance forward		\$2,848.07
Total deposits		\$755.00
Total expenses	Gas & electric service, Christmas party expenses (M. Warren and F. Stiklus)	\$(702.68)
Checking Account Balance	as of 12/31/19	\$2,900.39
CD Balance		\$2,037.38
Total	as of 12/31/19	\$4,937.77

January/February 2020

Checking Balance forward		\$2,900.39
Total deposits		\$0.00
Total expenses	Gas & electric service	\$(585.58)
Checking Account Balance	as of 2/29/20	\$2,314.81
CD Balance		\$2,037.38
Total	as of 2/29/20	\$4,352.19

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Marian Pelletier and seconded by Aldona Onalfo; motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report

Linas Venclauskas submitted \$555 to the Treasurer; these were monies collected for dues. He also reminded those that had not paid that dues were due by 2/29/20. He thanked Bill Stokes for serving as the Financial Secretary for 10 years and noted that Bill was very organized which made it easy for him to assume the Financial Secretary duties. The Sunshine Fund is as follows:

Sunshine Fund Starting Cash	\$91.91
Deposits	\$0.00
Income	\$91.91
Expenses	
Stamps	(\$0.00)
Ending Balance	\$91.91

A motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report was made by Marlene Shea and seconded by Val Rodgers; motion carried.

Houseman's Report

Linus Balsys reported that he is submitting \$27 to the Treasurer that he received by returning bottles from the Club House.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

St. Casimir Mass and Coffee Hour – Linus Balsys thanked all members for attending today's mass celebrating the Feast of St. Casimir and for donating such a wonderful variety of pastries, cakes and sandwiches to the St. Joe's coffee hour. Marlene Shea motioned that we donate \$50 to the priest that celebrated the Mass (Father Amobi). After discussion, Bill Stokes suggested that given the current situation (e.g. no "permanent" home for our Council limiting our ability to hold fundraisers), we defer any payment until our year ends in June. Marlene Shea subsequently amended her motion proposing that we consider making our donation to the Church at year end in June. Judy Vecchitto seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mayor for the Day – Linus Balsys encouraged all to attend and noted that he had reviewed Ed Paige's remarks and was truly moved by them. The ceremony at City Hall is scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2020 at 10 am.

Club House – Linus Balsys (on behalf of the Lithuanian Club) reported that the sale of the building and surrounding property to the Lithuanian Club is moving forward. The St. Joseph's Parish Finance Council approved the Lithuanian Club's offer for the building; the offer was subsequently forwarded to the Arch Diocese for their consideration. When a closing date is established, our Council will need to work with the Lithuanian Club to coordinate what needs to be removed, discarded, stored, etc.

As reported in the Winter 2020 Newsletter, as soon as March passes, it will be safe to turn the utilities off so the Treasurer has been asked to proceed with this action.

Christmas Party Results - Marlene Warren reported that the party resulted in a \$257 net profit broken out as follows:

Event Date:		12/7/2019	
Income		Ticket Sales	Income
# Members/Guests	\$15.00	30	\$450.00
# Paid at Door	\$15.00	3	\$45.00
		Sub Total	\$495.00
50/50 Raffle proceeds			\$120.00
Raffle proceeds			\$230.00
		Sub Total	\$350.00
Total Income			\$845.00
Expenses			
	Marlene	Pizza party	\$488.91
	Marlene	Raffle basket prizes (liquor, snacks)	\$36.74
	Fran	Cupcakes, basket materials	\$61.97
	Total Expenses		\$587.62
	Net Profit		\$257.38

Degree Awards Update – Bill Stokes and Bob Orintas have been following up with National. In the past, 3rd degrees were awarded at the District Convention, which is scheduled Sunday, 4/26/2020 in Putnam, CT. (Note: Dave Boucher will send further details in March). Meanwhile, follow up with Dave is planned regarding 3rd Degree Award presentations - District Convention versus Council meeting presentation?

Council Bylaws Update – Marlene Warren reported that National referred our request for review and comment on our preliminary Bylaws revisions to Dave Boucher. He has since reviewed and suggested some changes to

Officer Oath. The committee needs to meet to discuss the proposed changes before presenting to the membership.

Fundraisers – As stated previously, our inability to use the Club House or the Parish Center has had a negative impact on our ability to hold fundraisers such as our Pancake Breakfasts and Spring Flings. Marlene Shea is going to check with Fr. Aniello to see if we can use Our Lady of Mount Carmel hall for future events and will let us know what's possible at the next meeting.

History of Lithuania - Linas Balsys offered members the opportunity to purchase a book entitled: *History of Lithuania: From Medieval Kingdom to Modern Democracy* by Bronius Makauskas and Vytautas J. Černius. Although the price is \$50, he recommends it highly as it is an excellent read for those interested in Lithuanian history. He can get more copies as needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

3/7/2020 - Kiva Dance Collective – 21st Annual Concert will be held on Saturday, March 7th at 2:00 p.m. and at 7 p.m. at the LBD Performing Arts Theater, Westover School, Middlebury, CT.

3/7/2020 - Lithuanian Community of Connecticut - Celebrating the 102nd and 30th anniversaries of Lithuanian independence at Holy Trinity Church in Hartford. Details are available in the Winter 2020 newsletter.

3/28/2020 – 5:00 pm – St Joseph's Lenten Soup Social – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall; cost is \$10 per person.

4/19/2020 – 11:00 am - Next K of L Meeting – Sunday at the Wendell Cross Gym

4/25/2020 – 5:30 pm - Lithuanian Theater/Dance Program – Linas Balsys will provide more details shortly; these will be distributed via email.

50/50 RAFFLE

Vytas Jankauskas won the 50/50 raffle.

Following the prayer to St. Casimir a motion to adjourn was made by Aldona Onalfo and seconded by Anita Rodgers; motion carried, and the meeting concluded at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Warren
Recording Secretary