



Knights of Lithuania
Council 7 Waterbury, CT
Minutes of September 20, 2020

Council President Linas Balsys called the meeting to order at 11:15 am; members recited the Our Father and Pledge of Allegiance. Linas thanked everyone for coming, wearing masks and keeping their distance so all stay healthy.

Members present acknowledged reading the March meeting minutes sent by email; copies were also available at the meeting for those without email. A motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Gintas Zemataitis and seconded by Judy Vecchitto; motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Al Ulozas provided the Treasurer's report for the period from March through the end of August.

March – April 2020

Checking Balance forward		\$2,314.81
Total deposits	Dues payments & bottle deposits	\$1,407.00
Total expenses	Gas & electric service (final), dues payments to National, postage	\$2,101.51
Checking Account Balance	as of 4/30/20	\$1,620.30
CD Balance		\$2,037.38
\$4,657.68	as of 4/30/20	\$3,657.68

May – June 2020

Checking Balance forward		\$1,620.30
Total deposits	Dues payments	\$360.00
Total expenses	Dues payments to National (\$135); Burial Plot for S. Macys (\$450); Donation to Macys' funeral (\$275)	\$(860.00)
Checking Account Balance	as of 6/30/20	\$1,120.30
CD Balance		\$2,052.70
Total	as of 6/30/20	\$3,173.00

July - August 2020

Checking Balance forward		\$1,120.30
Total deposits	\$\$ donated by Council 7 members to cover S. Macys' funeral expenses	\$725.00
Total expenses		\$(0.00)
Checking Account Balance	as of 8/31/20	\$1,845.30
CD Balance		\$2,052.70
Total	as of 8/31/20	\$3,898.00

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

Financial Secretary's Report

Linas Venclauskas reported that as of today 3 members did not renew their 2020 membership. Linas Balsys agreed to contact Erik Bartkus, and he encouraged all to pray for Janina Nawarskas and Charles D'Angelo. Janina has been a long-time loyal member and holds a special place in our Council.

Sunshine Fund results are as follows:

Sunshine Fund Starting Cash	\$91.91
Deposits – Raffle proceeds	\$17.00
Income	\$108.91
Expenses	
Stamps/Envelopes	(\$77.04)
Ending Balance	\$31.87

A motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report was made by Ina Grove and seconded by Jonas Zemaitaitis; motion carried.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Remembrance Mass – Linas Balsys thanked members for attending the Remembrance Mass on July 19th. He also noted that our Council's ranks were decimated during the past year because so many long-term members passed, and he encouraged all to recruit new members to keep our Council alive and well. Marlene Shea acknowledged that George Valaitis was among members lost since the beginning of 2019 although his name was inadvertently omitted from the Remembrance Mass list.

Club House – Linas Balsys spoke to Leon Farr in August regarding the sale of the building and reported that the Lithuanian Club is currently waiting for the Arch Diocese to provide survey results that define the back portion of the Club House boundaries; front and side boundaries are already delineated. All utilities are shut off and Erik Bartkus has been keeping an eye on the property (e.g. mowing the lawn, cleaning up the yard and putting trash out) to ensure that people know the building is not abandoned.

Linas also reported that Leon is pursuing purchasing the Wayside Cross and erecting it in the Lithuanian Cemetery.

Degree Awards Update – Since our last face to face meeting in March, Bob Orintas has been attempting to get an update from National with respect to awarding 3rd degrees outside a NE District meeting; to date he received no reply. Linas Balsys followed with an email requesting an update but he too has not yet received a response so he intends to follow up with National again.

Council Bylaws Update – The revised Bylaws were sent to members for review in April, with a promise to seek comment at our next face to face meeting. Linas Balsys opened the floor for questions and discussion and since there were no questions or discussion forthcoming, he requested a motion to approve the Bylaws effective today. Linas Venclauskas made the motion to approve the Bylaws as presented and Marian Pelletier seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Bylaws are effective immediately.

Vytis - Council 7 Happenings – Marlene Shea has been keeping Vytis on their toes with her regular Council 7 submissions and is working on our latest happenings article for the next issue. Linas requested that she include the ways we've been keeping members updated – primarily via newsletter and email - since the pandemic restrictions were invoked in March. He also noted that the Officers and the Bylaws team met by conference and/or Zoom call on several occasions to discuss Council business during this era of social distancing and masks.

History of Lithuania - Linas Balsys received copies of a book entitled: *History of Lithuania: From Medieval Kingdom to Modern Democracy* by Bronius Makauskas and Vytautas J. Černius. He can get more copies as needed.

Linas Balsys shared a Waterbury Republican article about the 1955 Flood (published on 8/19/20) that gave details about Brooklyn's Lithuanian heritage and the K of L. Marlene Warren will either scan the newspaper

clipping or provide members with the article link. (Note: Use the following link to access the article:
<https://www.rep-am.com/opinion/commentary/2020/08/18/55-flood-transformed-brooklyn-neighborhood/>).

Knights of Columbus – Gary McGuire reported that the Brooklyn chapter of the K of C merged with the Mount Carmel organization recently.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

10/17/2020 – Riverside Cemetery Tour – The Brooklyn Neighborhood Association (Jerry Covino, President) is holding a fundraiser on Saturday, October 17th at 1 pm by offering a tour of the Riverside Cemetery and the Hall Memorial Chapel. This is a great opportunity to learn about the historic cemetery and chapel, help the neighborhood association and the Friends of the Riverside Cemetery which is fighting to preserve the historic chapel. Donation per person is \$10. ***For more information call Mr. Begnal at 203.651.9785***

10/18/2020 – Sunday, 11:00 am - Next K of L Meeting – Anticipated location is at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall (under the church). ***Important: The location will be confirmed after we coordinate with Fr. Aniello so please watch your emails for more details.***

Christmas Wafers – Bob Orintas ordered Christmas wafers in case restrictions are lifted and a Kucios dinner is possible; they will also be sold at the Church; all proceeds will be donated to St. Joseph Church. Linas Balsys indicated that the Kucios dinner is still in limbo; more to come as we see how the fall progresses.

Following the prayer to St. Casimir, Marian Pelletier regaled us with a song she wrote in Lisa Velez's memory.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary McGuire and seconded by Judy Vecchitto; motion carried, and the meeting concluded at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Warren
Recording Secretary