



Knights of Lithuania
Council 7 Waterbury, CT
Minutes of January 16, 2022

Council President Linas Balsys called the meeting to order at 10:26 am; members recited the Our Father and Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Members present acknowledged reading the November meeting minutes; Vytautas Jankauskas made a motion to accept the minutes and Aldona Onalfo seconded the motion; motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

President Balsys provided the Treasurer's report from December on the Treasurer's behalf as follows:

December 2021		
Checking Balance forward		\$1,341.81
Total deposits	Christmas Party ticket sales, 50/50 raffle and prize raffle proceeds	\$1,130.00
Total expenses	Café on Congress – food and tip	-\$605.00
Checking Account Balance	as of 12/31/2021	\$1,896.81
CD Balance		\$2,053.94
Total	as of 12/31/2021	\$3,950.75

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

Financial Secretary's Report

Linas Venclauskas reported that the Sunshine fund increased by \$13.00, and that he is still waiting for feedback from National regarding 2022 dues.

Sunshine Fund Starting Cash	\$31.87
Income	\$13.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$44.87

President Balsys suggested that we begin collecting dues and hold until we get better direction from National. Vita Ciullo made a motion to accept the Sunshine Fund report and Zaidre Petruskevicius seconded the motion; motion approved unanimously.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party – President Balsys thanked all those that attended, and the party planners (Vita Ciullo, Fran Stiklus and Marlene Warren). He also reminded members that in the past we made donations to the Church or other Lithuanian causes after events. In addition to the Church, he urged us to consider making a future donation to a worthy Lithuanian organization such as the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, which is always in need of funds.

Ms. Stiklus provided the following information regarding the results of the Christmas Party:

Income	Per Person	Ticket Sales	Income
# Members/Guests	\$20.00	41	\$820.00
		Sub Total	\$820.00
50/50 Raffle proceeds			\$130.00
Raffle proceeds			\$210.00
		Sub Total	\$340.00
Total Income			\$1,160.00
Expenses			
Hearty Appetizers, soda	\$12.00	paid for 42	\$505.00
Desserts, coffee, cream (donated by several members)			\$0.00
	Tip		\$100.00
Total Expenses			\$605.00
Net Profit			\$555.00

Club building update – Although President Balsys emailed David Lepore, he has yet to receive a response and Father Aniello has been unable to provide any further information on behalf of the Arch Diocese. In his opinion, the building is worth saving and purchasing it would resolve the issue for the Parish. Even if we and the Lithuanian Club decided not to use the building in the future, it could be upgraded and sold in the current housing market. Mr. Karmuza questioned who would get the money if the building were purchased by the Lithuanian Club and subsequently sold. Based on the Lithuanian Club bylaws, Mr. Balsys commented that the monies would end up going to the Lithuanian Cemetery Association.

Revitalization Sub Committee – Marlene Warren will be participating in the second committee zoom meeting later today. The first task was for all members of the Sub Committee was to read through the latest version of the Constitution and the K of L Manual and to propose preliminary changes to make the documents more current.

2022 Mayor for the Day – The City of Waterbury has suspended Mayor of the Day events considering the recent pandemic surge, but they did offer to create a proclamation; we respectfully declined the offer. In the event we can hold the Lithuanian Mayor for the Day later this year (possibly close to King Mindaugas Day in July), the following candidates were proposed: Eleanor Barkauskas, Peter Gervickas and Lillian Benesevich. Mr. Karmuza also suggested that we honor all the 1918 and 1990 Lithuanian Freedom Fighters.

Newspaper Editorial – Lithuania's Brave Stand – President Balsys shared copies of a 1/9/22 Waterbury Republican editorial article about Lithuania (Vilnius vs. Beijing); he intends to send a thank you to the Republican. Copies of the editorial were shared with today's meeting participants. Mr. Karmuza mailed a copy of the article to Drogos.

Membership – President Balsys introduced Christian Allyn from Canaan who is very interested in the Lithuanian culture; he shared many pictures (Including pictures with Professor Alexis who wrote the K of L anthem and was the organist and choir director in the 1920s) with the group. We were fortunate that Mr. Allyn joined Council 7 at the meeting.

Ritual Committee – Bob Orintas stepped down as the Ritual Chairperson due to health issues, and Vice President Stiklus assumed the position. She and Ms. Warren are meeting with Mr. Orintas after the meeting to transfer the records and review the procedures and points requirements.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Lithuanian Events – President Balsys reported that although it is the 50th anniversary of the Hartford Lithuanian Dance Group, they won't be participating in this year's Lithuanian Dance Festival. At this time, four groups from Lithuania expect to come over for the dance festival. More details will be provided as they become available.

Spring Fling 2022 - Depending on the pandemic situation, members set a tentative date of **June 18th** for our annual Spring Fling; consideration will be given to holding the event at the Café on Congress again since they did such a good job.

The Gathering – Vytautas Jankauskas asked if we had received any information regarding a potential 2022 Gathering in Waterbury. To date, there has been no information published.

Next Meeting 2/20/22 at 10 am – Meeting will be held in the St. Joseph's School Gym weather permitting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marlene Shea and seconded by Joseph Karmuza; motion carried, and the meeting concluded at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Warren
Recording Secretary