



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

Council President Linas Balsys called the meeting to order at 10:27 am; members recited the Our Father and Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Orintas gave an update regarding Carmen Onalfo's health issues and asked that we pray for him and his wife Aldona as well as Zaidre Petruskevicius who is also currently in the hospital.

**Brooklyn's Riverside Cemetery**

Marty Begnal from Friends of Riverside Cemetery gave a short presentation regarding the cemetery's history and its significance in the Brooklyn neighborhood's history. After he left the meeting, Bob Orintas made a motion to contribute \$50 to the Friends of Riverside Cemetery; the motion was seconded by Christian Allyn and passed unanimously. (Note: Shortly after the meeting, the donation and a thank you letter were sent to Marty.)

**Cultural Committee – Lithuanian Trivia Contest**

Joe Karmuza tested members' knowledge of Lithuanian events and history with several trivia questions in Jonas' absence. Prizes were awarded to the top 2 members with the correct answers: Vytas Jankauskas and Bob Orintas.

**Treasurer's Report**

Al Ulozas provided the following Treasurer's report:

**September 2022**

Checking Balance forward		<b>\$2,321.81</b>
Total deposits	Dues Payments	\$620.00
Total expenses	Spring Fling Expenses – F. Stiklus	<b>\$40.79</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>as of 9/30/2022</b>	<b>\$2,901.02</b>
CD Balance		\$2,052.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>as of 9/30/2022</b>	<b>\$4,953.72</b>

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

**Minutes**

Members present acknowledged reading the September meeting minutes; Joe Karmuza made a motion to accept the minutes and Bill Stokes seconded the motion; motion approved unanimously.

**Financial Secretary's Report**

Linas Venclauskas was unable to attend, but the report he submitted in advance indicates that the Sunshine Fund remains at \$44.87. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Vita Ciullo and seconded by Joe Karmuza; motion carried.

As a reminder, the Supreme Council waived 2022 dues, but several members paid their dues in advance. Those who paid their 2022 dues have 3 options:

1. If the check has not yet been deposited, Linas can return to the member.
2. If dues were already deposited, they can be returned, or
3. 2022 dues payments can be donated to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Family to Family fund.

Please let Linas Venclauskas know which option you prefer. He will provide the Family to Family fundraiser total at the next meeting and make arrangements with Al to send a check to Sisters.

As follow up to the motion to collect all the usable items and donate to a Ukrainian relief organization or to Make A Home LLC in Waterbury because they donate or give items to veterans, a November date to open the Club and collect the

housewares (dishes, pots, pans, silverware, etc.) was discussed. We may be able to accomplish this task after the November meeting if volunteers are willing to help.

**National Convention and New Ideas Revitalization Sub Committee Report** – Marlene Warren reported that the team is preparing procedures for the traditional advertising reimbursement and a sample ad that will be sent to National for compliance review. Additionally, the New Ideas team recruited Debbie Miller to guide us through selecting a website vendor to assist with the National website update.

**NED Convention – September 25th** – Council 7 delegates to the NED Convention were: Christian Allyn, Julie Minkunas, Fran Stiklus and Marlene Warren. Our Council's delegates were 4 of a total of 14. Dave Boucher continues as both the National President and the NED President.

**Nominating Committee** – Bob Orintas reported that all current officers will accept another term in office. The ratification vote will take place at the November meeting in keeping with our Council bylaws. Officers will be sworn in at the November meeting.

**Sunshine Committee** - Bob Orintas gave an update regarding Carmen Onalfo's health issues and Zaidre Petruskevicius who is currently in the hospital.

**Member Recruitment Strategies**– Fran Stiklus placed a notice in the St. Francis church bulletin and will follow up to run it again. Linas Balsys requested the same at St. Joseph's, but there was no church bulletin this week. Linas B encouraged all to add our council's website ([www.knightsoflithuanianwaterbury.org](http://www.knightsoflithuanianwaterbury.org)) to their Facebook pages. We encourage all members to check out our website and let us know what you'd like to see included. We would also appreciate scanned photos (both old and new) for the website with (hopefully) names and dates. These can be emailed to [knightsoflithuanianwaterbury@gmail.com](mailto:knightsoflithuanianwaterbury@gmail.com).

**Kucios Dinner** – President Balsys will contact Father Aniello to see if the Kucios dinner can be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Hall. Tentative date for the dinner is 12/11. More to come at the November meeting.

**Christmas Party** – The Café on Congress is tentatively reserved for Saturday, 12/3 for our Council Christmas Party, but Linas B will also check with Father Aniello to see if we can use OLMC hall for the party and have the Café cater the food. The church hall offers better parking. (Note: After the meeting, we were able to reserve the hall and are making plans to have the dinner catered; it will be BYOB. More to come at the November meeting).

**Fundraising Ideas** – A potential bake sale was discussed, and members concluded that a November date will most likely not be successful because church/coffee hour attendance is very low (about 20 people). Instead, Marlene Shea suggested that we consider a Spring bake sale (possibly around Easter). Marlene will add it to the Calendar of Events.

**Next Meeting – November 20 at 10:15 am**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marion Pelletier and seconded by Marlene Shea; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Warren  
Recording Secretary