

SOKOL SPIRIT UNIT MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2020

President Howie Maskill called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Only seven members were present.

**MINUTES** The December minutes were approved with a motion from Sis. V. Wilt and a second from Bro. Bazata.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The unit received a \$500 donation from Sis. Linda Bednar. Discussion was held as to where to put this money. It was decided to put it in the general fund. Annual appeal letters from the American Friends of the Czech Republic and the Czech Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids were received, but no action was taken on them. Received newsletters from various Sokols. Bro. Maskill received an e-mail requesting that Spirit participate in the Riverside Jr. Women's charity health vendor sale on January 25, 2020 from 11-3 pm. The cost of a table is \$25. After much discussion, it was decided that we could use the ASO video on the website to showcase Sokol. We would just like them to be aware of our programs. Sis. Pajeau has done something similar for the North Riverside district. Bro. Maskill will pass on the information to Bro. Wilt as the PR/marketing person.

**BILLS** Sis. Heetel presented a \$39 bill for newsletter printing. Bro. Bazata moved and Sis. V. Wilt seconded that this bill be paid. Motion passed.

**BOI:** There was no BOI meeting in December. The Winter Exhibition was held December 15 and was a successful show. The audience was packed and two bins of canned food was donated to be distributed to St. Barbara's Church and to the Riverside food pantry.

Bro. Bazata reported that the boys did quite well at the December competitions.

**JUNIOR BOARD:** Francesca Abasta attended the meeting and gave a report for the Junior Board. She indicated that the juniors would be selling World Finest Chocolate, and each junior was given two boxes to sell. They will attend the Pancake breakfast on January 26. Plans for an ice skating trip fell through. They attended the Trim-a-tree at the Brookfield Zoo. At Exhibition, they plan to sell juice boxes. She talked about plans for future outings with the group.

**BMC:** No meeting was held in December and no report was submitted. It was mentioned that there is a broken urinal in the men's bathroom. It was also mentioned that the custodian would like a new broom.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Beginning balance as of 12/1/19 in the general checking account was \$19,764.56 and an ending balance as of 12/31/19 was \$21,737.50. The Memorial and Safety funds have \$5,410.97 and \$16,876.67. The 5/3 account was closed. The October books are fully reconciled and things are getting put together after the virus hit the computer. Sis. V. Wilt moved and Sis. Kostecki seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. Motion passed. Sis. Baran moved to purchase a second monitor for the office for a cost of no more than \$100. Sis. V. Wilt seconded the motion, and it passed.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** Sis. Becker reported that dues letters were sent out and about 50% have responded. She turned in \$3,399 in checks to the treasurer. She mentioned that the youth membership report, which was due December 31, 2019, has been completed in the ASO database. There are 83 youth members recorded. We will owe the ASO \$830 for the youth membership, but she seems to think that we will get billed for that amount. The 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr reports for the ASO and the Central District are being worked on. We will owe nothing to the ASO but will have a bill to submit to the Central District.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** The membership brunch is scheduled for April 19, 2020. Discussion was held as to how a member could take advantage of the discounts offered. Sis. Becker mentioned that membership cards could be shown at an event, but it was decided that that was too much work without a huge benefit and not to worry about proof of membership. Sis. Baran suggested that in the future, some proof of membership that could be put on a phone might be feasible.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:** Sis. Croft sent a report that the District and ASO will still pay for the Safesport certification. There is a push by the ASO to have all Executive Bd members be Safesport certified. There are about four Executive Bd members in our unit who have not taken the certification. Questions then arose as to whether the Executive Bd needed to join the AAU to get background checks. Sis. Kostecki had a background check done by another organization and wondered if that would be sufficient. Bro. Maskill will check into the necessity of AAU membership for the Executive Bd members especially those who have no contact with the children's classes.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Sis. Heetel said there would be a newsletter before Exhibition in March. She needs pictures from the Winter Show and from the Spirit II men's volleyball team. Sis. Heetel turned in \$340 for the Memorial Fund, \$255 from the Holiday Greetings in the newsletter, and \$320 from the December Beer Club.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The year 2018 brought a spike in spending due to the flood, but the 2020 budget does not liquidate any of the investment money. Bro. Dave Kakareka has joined the committee, and with experience in financial planning, he has been a real asset to the committee. Since there was not a quorum at this meeting, Sis. V. Wilt moved and Bro. Bazata seconded that the members present recommend accepting the budget as presented. Motion passed.

Sis. Barb Bossany has agreed to take over the "Falcon Key Club" fund raiser. Bro. Maskill will reach out to her to see if anything is in the works for this fund raiser. Discussion was held as to when in the year would be the best time to ask for Key Club donations—summer or right before Exhibition.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The pancake breakfast mailing needs to be completed. The women's class put labels on the envelopes, but the flyer needs to be run off and envelopes stuffed. The committee is revising the letter, which will NOT include tickets this year. The tickets became very confusing to everyone. Sis. Kostecki said she could run off the flyers on Jan 6 and Sis. V. Wilt mentioned that she could assist after tots class. The permit labels or the permit stamp needs to be obtained as well as the paper work that goes along with the mailing. Sis. Heetel mentioned that a sample of the post office form is in the Spirit office.

Wreath sale made a profit of \$442. The invoice of \$1,458.35 has been received and needs to be paid. The juniors made about \$29 profit on the bake sale held during the wreath sale.

**DELEGATE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Sis. Heetel mentioned that the next Beer Club will showcase Coffee stouts. She also mentioned that the AD book for Exhibition should be started and wondered if the ad prices should be the same as last year. The agreement was that they should. Sis. Heetel should contact the BOI for any price changes. The BOI theme for the Exhibition is "Prime Time". The instructors will receive a free quarter-page ad for their class.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. The next meeting of the unit will be February 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Becker, acting secretary