

**SOKOL SPIRIT**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Held On November 6, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. We had a moment of silence for our members Anne Dusek and Jerry Rabas who passed away. We participated in a group activity to try to get membership to communicate and know each other. There were 3 – 4 people per group. In each group, each individual had to tell two truths and one lie about themselves. The other members of the group guessed the lie. Best one of each group was shared to the membership!

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Sis. Tooke to approve the minutes from our meeting held on Oct. 2, 2013. Second by Sis. J. Bazata. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** We received a thank you from MCS for our ad for the Czech Holiday Fair in October. The ad book was passed around to see the ad.

**EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR:** Sis. Tooke reported that our Czech classes for 2014 have been advertised in our newsletter. Classes have been shortened and salary reduced due to low enrollment. We have three new students from the MCS fundraiser. There will be a Red Cross CPR Certification at Spirit on Saturday 1/11 9 – 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$45. Spirit instructors are free. This event will be offered to our community as well.

**RUMMAGE SALE RECAP:** The total income for the rummage sale was \$813.64. This is the slowest rummage sale that we have held.

**BILLS:** 501 (3) c mailing cost \$12.64; delegate for Masaryk School; \$119.05 for steamer (sanitize gym carpet) to Tookes; \$49 for colored paper and \$41.00 for flag for front of building; \$200 for renewal of postal permit.

**JUNIOR BOARD OF REPORT:** Izzy Smith presented the junior board report. Checking account balance is \$893.96; savings account balance is \$2317.04. The juniors would like to hold a babysitting event the same night as adult quiz night (11/16). Rates reduced for those who attend quiz night. The juniors will be selling water and snacks at the junior girls and women's volleyball tournament on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. The juniors will be participating in the trim a tree at Brookfield Zoo. They would like to have the rake-a-thon on the same day starting at 11. Juniors would like to do a Burger King night on Tues., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 p.m. They would also like to do a Five Below fundraiser the weekend of 12/20 and 12/21. Juniors will be participating in the Skills Day on 12/7; rhythmic comp. on 12/8 and they will be scheduling a Holiday trip in December.

**BOI REPORT:** Bro. Maskill presented the BOI report from their meeting held on 10/21. Class reports were given at the meeting. We have the new volleyball net and standards that need to be set up. We need to hire someone to install. BOI wheel program needs new bindings for the wheels. The funds will be taken out of the Memorial fund. A motion was made by Bro. Bazata to approve the BOI report, second by Sis. Wilt. Motion passed.

**BMC REPORT:** The State Liquor Commission came and inspected and found no violations. Our receipts and cleaning records were all in order. There have been scratches in the new floor so please take care it moving stuff around. We are looking into baby changing stations for the bathrooms. Mark said there have been issues with the Men's and Women's classes locking the door in the evening. The BMC would like to give Mark an annual bonus of \$200 for the job he has done during the year. The Committee would like to have Mark start taking the paneling in the entry and stairwells off. He will start on the third floor and work his way down. Sis. Rocush recommended that the lights in the lower hall be cleaned or replaced. There was a recommendation to purchase new light covers and check to see what's under them. A motion was made by Bro. Babka to approve the BMC report, second by Bro. Tooke. Motion passed. The BMC reported that an architect was here to evaluate our ADA compliance. We are not doing the work until we have the funding and scope of the plan. There was discussion about purchasing a new copy machine/printer. Three options were presented: 1) Purchase a new one; 2) Refurbish existing one; 3) Purchase a copier, printer and possibly a scan with fax option.

**PR/MARKETING:** Sis. Heetel reported that the next newsletter deadline is 11/20 for the December issue. Christmas greeting box is on the stage.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Bro. Wilt reported that the State of Illinois needs a registered agent. It is now currently John Bazata. It was recommended that the registered agent be our treasurer. A motion was made by Sis. Becker to change the registered agent to Bro. Barcal, second by Sis. Babka. Motion passed. (This is regarding incorporation materials and official papers from the State of Illinois; 501 (3) c and reports to the State.) Our website will be new

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and up and running within 24 hours. We would like to have a group meet to review the new website and discuss further options for the site. Bro. Wilt supplied us with information about including Spirit in our will or trust. A flyer was distributed.

**DELEGATE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Congratulations to Sis Barcal for winning the 2013 Central District Presidential award on 11/3. She tied with Sis. Christina Curran-Wurst from Sokolice Tabor. Bro. Rich T. Vachata won the Men's Presidential award. New officers for the Central District: Lynda Filipello-President; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President –Mary Ellen Newsom; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Frank Michalek, Educational Director – Michael Dropka, Financial Secretary-Andrea Scheirer, Membership – Jean Hruby, Marketing and PR – Julie Kaupert and By-laws chair- Joe Placek. CD still needs a secretary. At the meeting we accepted new by-laws. The college bound merit award is now called "CD Merit Award."

The 2014 Convention will be held in St. Louis at the end of April. There will be a small slet type event held in 2014 in Canada. More info. to follow.

In 2015 there are plans underway to celebrate 150 years of American Sokol. There will be a kick off on 2/14/15 in St. Louis. There may be events in our area. The American Sokol is currently seeking volunteers for this planning committee. Let Adam or Tom know if you are interested.

The financials for the Milwaukee Sports Festival are currently being worked on with the committee. It looks like there will be a loss of approx. \$17,000.

Bohemian National Cemetery-No report.

Czech American Congress – Sis. Bazata can't make the meeting. The next meeting will be held in December. The picnic site will change next year due to construction at Kiwanis Park.

Masaryk Czech School – No report.

Tabor Hills – They will be meeting next week.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Next year, Sokol Spirit will be celebrating ten year anniversary! We can do something special at our Exhibition in March. There was discussion about how we could celebrate our anniversary. Some ideas: dinner cruise on Lake Michigan, a trip somewhere, maybe an all-inclusive, celebration at the Sokol Camp in New Buffalo, MI.

**External Audit:** The finance committee is meeting on 11/19 at 7 p.m. to discuss the audit. We will discuss our operating expenses and we will have Seldon Fox attend to explain them.

Max Pajer donated \$12.50 to Sokol from the sale of bracelets he made with Dean Shrofe.

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** As of October 2013 the beginning general account balance was \$22,334.71. Income was received in the amount of \$7,709.08 and we incurred expenses in the amount of \$8,342.38. The ending account balance is \$21,701.41 for a net loss of \$633.30. The BOD holding account balance is \$10,024.98. Memorial fund beginning balance is \$7,718.64. Income of \$100 was received. Expenses incurred were \$289.99. The ending balance is \$7,528.65, for a net loss of \$189.99. We are currently keeping the membership money in our memorial fund until we have to pay the bill. A motion was made by Bro. Babka to approve the report and pay the bills. Second by Sis. Becker. Motion passed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We currently have 328 members of which 320 are voting. We have 103 voting men and 217 voting women. We will have three delegates for the National Convention.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Bro. Barcal is putting the final numbers for our spaghetti dinner together for us. We are at approx. an \$1800 profit. We are down just a bit from last year.

The pancake breakfast mailing needs to go out soon. The pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. We need to send a flyer to Kathe Heetel for the newsletter. It was recommended that we purchase a new sandwich board to advertise our events. A motion was made by Bro. Maskill to increase the cost to \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, second by Sis. Babka. Motion passed.

Adult Quiz Night – Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 p.m. The juniors will have the babysitting which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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Wreath orders are due now!

Executive Board vacancies: Our first V.P. is temporarily being filled by Lauren Wilt and Kathy Barcal.

We need a PR/Marketing individual. This could be a committee.

Membership surveys can be returned with your dues. There is also a box on the stage where they can be dropped.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have a small dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. We are asking our members to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. The unit will provide the main entrée. Sis. Croft will get reminder cards out to everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy Barcal (for Secretary Cassie Croft)