

Sokol Spirit Monthly Membership Meeting December 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm.

The group participated in a snowflake making activity to help spruce up the gym and hall areas for the holiday season.

Approval of minutes: Sis. Tooke motioned to approve the minutes from the November meeting, Bro. Bazata seconded that motion and the unit approved.

Correspondence: Donation letter from the Czech Allied Org. for the Rep. Ball-tabled

Annual Winter Donation letter for the Friends of the Bohemian National Cemetary. Bro. Zitny motioned to donate \$50 to this cause, Sis. Tooke seconded that motion and the unit approved.

Educational Director Updates:

CPR class-opened to the community! Promotional material was sent to local schools to spread the word. There is a Czech cultural event planned for 3/29 in the morning. The cost is \$10 and at this Easter themed event patrons can decorate eggs, there will be wheat weaving and cornhusk weaving as well!

Presentation of Bills:

Sis Tooke-T.G. Maz for the delegate fee, Bro. Wilt for this holiday mailing, Sis. Tooke for mailing costs, and Sis. Heetle for newsletter printing and mailing costs. All bills were approved.

Junior Board Report: given by Rachel

There are no changes from last report in the Junior's financials, but they did earn \$71 at the Spaghetti Dinner which they will deposit. Some of the upcoming events for the juniors include: a discount day at 5Below, a store in Countryside, if you bring in the flyer Sokol Spirit gets a %; the Jr class Christmas party is scheduled for 12/17; there is a BK fundraiser scheduled for 12/10; the Jrs will go caroling to member's houses on 12/15 and there is a sign up at the gym for interested members. 8 children attended the babysitting night during the adult quiz night. Congrats to the Jr. Girls Volleyball team for placing 2nd in the Central District Tournament!

BOI report:

The BOI purchased new rhythmic equipment for the competition this year. There are 18 students going to the rhythmic competition. The BOI's next meeting is on December 20 and they will start to work on exhibition planning. Sis. V. Wilt motioned to approve the BOI report and Sis. Babka seconded that motion and the unit approved.

Building management:

Latest meeting was held on 12/3. The group discussed the paneling project in the front hall and will need to be further discussed to make decisions. The group agreed to purchase and install changing stations in the bathrooms in early 2014. A steam cleaner was also purchased, and this will also help with sanitizing the gym mats. Bro. Babka motioned to approve the items in the report, Bro. Bazata seconded it and the unit approved.

Further discussion was had regarding the unit's copier/printer. Bro. Wilt presented 3 options that he received from a representative with pricing and details of the machines. Sis. Barcal motioned to table this topic until next meeting.

PR/Marketing:

Do you need some promotional materials made for Sokol Spirit events that you are helping with? The new Sokolspirit.org website has the new procedure for getting your event promoted.

IT/Tech:

It was discussed that we work on getting a photographer specifically assigned to take some nice quality photos for the website. Sis. Keefe volunteered to help out with this task.

FINANCE:

Treasure's report: see attached. Post report-Sis L. Wilt motioned to approve the report, Sis. Barcal seconded it, and the unit approved. The finance committee reported that in 2011 operations ended us in the red where our costs were in the \$120,000 range and revenue was at the \$80,000 range. Operation costs include everything we pay to run the Sokol Spirit buiding. They reported that for 2012, the operations ended us in the black where our costs were \$107,158 and our revenue was \$118,592. In 2012 we made \$29,000 off of fundraising. Kudos for making a profit this year! External Audit/Tax filing: Spirit membership needs to decide what our level of involvement will be with Seldon Fox (SF). The finance committees' recommendation is to try to reduce the current amount of cost we incur with them. Bro. Babka motioned to have SF continue to complete our taxes and perform the compilation which will come to a total cost of \$2750. Sis. V. Wilt seconded that motion. During the call for discussion Sis. Barcal expressed that this is still a high amount and suggested that we perform our own compilation book and just have SF complete our taxes. The vote was held by a show of hands

and 14 members stated yes to approve Bro. Babka's motion and 11 stated no. Motion passed. The finance committee needs to create a schedule of filings for the year-this topic tabled until January.

Delegate Announcements:

Central District: meeting was on 11/20. The newly elected officers were asked to submit action plans for their duties for the upcoming year. The pre-convention meetings were also discussed.

Bohemian National Cemetery: The elections of new officers will take place in January. There is a delegate spot open! Please contact Sis. A. Bultas or Bro. Wilt if interested.

Czech American Congress: the Christmas meeting is being held on December 5 at Klas restaurant. There was no meeting in November.

Masaryk School: teaming up to promote the opera coming to Chicago. Holding a cultural event on February 13, where you can also get 30% off of your opera ticket. On March 4, the Czech ambassador will be in attendance, which is always a special event.

Tabor Hills: Come to the annual holiday bazaar on Dec 5, 6 or 7!

New business:

Kathe Heetle and Barb Bossany have volunteered to work on the exhibition program book again this year but more help is always welcome! Don't forget to send in well wishes and ads.

Sokol Spirit 10th Anniversary: The unit needs to narrow down some options for a celebration of our 10 year anniversary. The exhibition this year will have this theme and the accomplishment will be recognized there as well. Some ideas still in the running are: a dinner at Medieval Times, a golf outing, bring in a Czech theater groups, an evening cruise on Lake Michigan, or a day trip. The question of creating a trinket for this event was brought up, perhaps a beer bottle made in commemoration?

Unfinished business:

Convention-ASO officer nominations must be submitted between now and Dec 24. Bro Wilt will inquire if you can still make nominations off the floor at the convention. Spirit will be planning a pre-convention unit meeting to discuss ASO topics and issues early in 2014.

Quiz night recap: This past quiz night was our most successful yet, bringing in \$1494 profit!

Appointment of 1st VP: Bro. LBloch motioned to approve Sis. L. Wilt as 1st VP, Sis. K. Barcal seconded it and the unit approved.

For the good of the order:

Wreath sale: hadn't received invoice yet to gauge profit, but the sale was successful again.

Pancake breakfast! January 26, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Croft