Sokol Spirit Membership meeting September 4, 2013

This meeting was called to order at 7:33pm.

The group participated in a “dessert” activity in which all members were told to stand by a dessert they prefer. The desserts had personality traits associated with them. The lighthearted activity was to get everyone moving and chatting before the meeting started.

The last unit meetings minutes were read from June’s Annual Meeting. Sis. Wilt motioned to approve the minutes as read, Sis. Barcal seconded, and the unit approved.

Correspondence:

* Slovak Pastoral seminar flyer: September 15
* Team Trivia hosted by CSA at the North Riverside Library-October 13 12pm-3pm. $10 a person.
* We received $60 in memorials in honor of Frank Ludicky.
* We received an opportunity to donate the the Czech Holiday Faire sponsored by MCS. There are options to donate or to donate with an ad to be placed in their Faire book. Sis. Barcal motioned to pay for a ½ page ad at $35 in the Faire book. Bro. Bazata seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Educational Director Updates: Czech classes are getting ready to start; there are new classes to get involved in! Also-please join us for the First Friday’s Film series.

Presentation of Bills: The only bill presented was the mailing newsletter bill from the summertime. Total=$238.50

Junior Board Report: A junior representative (A. Gatsos) provided the following update:

* The Juniors held their annual fly-up meeting on August 6. They held outdoor activities and got to know the new juniors. They held their first Junior Board meeting of the year. They reviewed the success of past events, including the babysitting nights and reviewed their participation in the Sports Festival. Treasurer’s report: Checking=$788.91, Savings=$2,316.83. The new Junior Board officers are as follows: Secretary-Ruth Hruska, Treasurer-Greg Baran, Girls’ Director-Kaitlyn Barcal, Boys’ Director-Michael Barcal.
* The Juniors plan to assist with the mat washing activity with the BOI, and plan to sell cotton candy at the Oktoberfest

BOI Report: The BOI held their meeting on August 19.

* Presentation of one bill for Tony Lemont-to pay for the soccer balls to hold the lil’ kickers soccer clinic this summer. Total =$32.63
* The first reports on the soccer clinic state that there was one participant
* The Directors distributed this year’s calisthenics routines
* Jenn Baran and Kathy Barcal are going to cover teaching Juniors until someone permanent can be found. Others will be pitching in to help with Jr girls as well.
* The BOI hashed out registration details for September 14.
* Mat washing was pushed back due to the improvements being made on the gym floor
* Bro. Bazata motioned to approve the soccer ball bill. Sis. Becker seconded it and the motion passed

BMC Report:

* Building improvement projects that have been completed: new roof over the front of the building, the sewer was fixed/replaced, the parking lot has been striped and sealed, the bathrooms have been painted, there is new trim in the lower hall, the carpet has been removed from the lower hall, and new chairs have been purchased
* Building improvement projects that are underway: the gymnasium floor has been sanded down and still needs striping, the front of the lower hall bar will be recovered, and the stairs are being painted to improve the overall aesthetic
* With the purchase of the new chairs, the unit needs to decide what to do with the older chairs. Some ideas presented by the membership include:
  + Placing an ad on Craig’s list to sell them
  + Allow members to take them and leave a donation
  + Have the membership look through them and eliminate ones that are of no use, broken, or too old
  + Keep some of the better ones to store for large scale events
  + Sell them for the scrap metal
  + Give them away at Oktoberfest to those who’d like them

\*\*At the October membership meeting, the unit will decide what to do with the leftover chairs still at the Sokol hall\*\*

* The number of people leasing the hall is increasing, and this perhaps is due to the reduction of the price in leasing the hall

PR/Marketing Report: The next Spirit newsletter deadline is **SEPTEMBER 20!** Please email Kathe your submissions. This issue will come out in October and look for well-wishers for the holidays inside.

Urgent Exec Board Announcements:

Important Delegate Announcements:

* Central District: The district has been asked to assist in moving Sokol things from the current CSA building, The Central District is organizing a family bowling night on October 27 at Rolling Lanes in Countryside to help raise money for the CD Merit Award. The CD needs to further discuss the future of “Sokol Day” as we now know it. Reminder-the Annual Meeting is November 3 at Sokol Stickney. There were bylaws created for the CD and they were sent out through email; and recommendations are welcome. There are plenty of seats opening up on the exec board, please talk to your unit members about running. The national publication wants to go digital but needs emails to be able to save money, units are encouraged to gather those email addresses. There was brief discussion about possible 150 year anniversary events being held in Chicago during the summer of 2015, much like a Slet. There is a committee working on developing some events.
* Czech American Congress: This summer’s picnic was one of the most successful to date! They sold more chips this summer than ever. The next meeting is September 5.
* Masaryk Czech School: the usual classes are in session, they are currently looking for a teacher for children’s classes. Construction-wise they are leveling the land to help create proper drainage for the building.

New Business: The rummage sale is coming up in October, and this year the committee is trying to attract a “younger crowd” to come in. The volunteer schedule has been made, and members were encouraged to sign up to help out. Members are also encouraged to assist with marketing the event, taking flyers to the local businesses they visit.

Treasurer’s Report:

* General Operating Account; Beginning balance-$1172.61, Income-$3152.02, Expenses-$2801.42, Ending balance-$1523.21
* BOD Holding Account; Beginning balance-$8524.98, Income-, Expenses-, Ending Balance-$8524.98
* Memorial Fund; Beginning balance-$11716.24, Income-$40.00, Expenses-$4037.60, Ending balance-$7718.64
* Important Notes about this month: the memorial account was used to purchase a new volleyball system per previous approval
* Breakdown of summer expenses from the BOD: Rental Income-$2997, Expenses (electric, gas, water, garbage, pest control, building supplies, payroll, maintenance, new water heater, lights replaced, internet/tv/phone)-$10447
* The financial committee meeting is September 10

Unfinished Business:

* Oktoberfest-we need volunteers! Keep an eye out in your email for opportunities
* Marketing help needed as well- to help put flyers out in the community
* Vacancies on the exec board-this is of utmost importance

For the good of the order:

* Softball-seasons over! The two teams are considering this a “learning season”, there were 26 men on the teams
* Announcement regarding services for Bro. Ludicky: Saturday Sept 7 there will be a Sokol Service held at 10:30am during the visitation (at Svec & Sons) which runs from 10am-1pm. Please wear your parade uniform if you’d like to attend the Sokol service.
* The next Unit meeting is on Wednesday October 2 at 7:30pm

The unit meeting adjourned at 8:56pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Croft