

SOKOL SPIRIT
Unit Meeting Held on November 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by our President, Vera Wilt. Vera began the unit meeting with a group activity. It was called, "What can go through the door?"

MINUTES: A motion was made by Sis. Joanne Bazata to approve the minutes from the unit meeting held on 10/1/14. Second was made by Bro. Mark Shrofe. Motion passed, minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Sis. Wilt reviewed the correspondence received to date.

RUMMAGE SALE RECAP: Bro. Tooke gave the report in Sis. Tooke's absence. The Fall sale made \$1,007.37, with expenses netted \$810.60. Since the Fall sale is the biggest success and usually we expect closer to \$1,500 net income, the committee announced that there will be no spring sale, but we will have another Fall Sale in 2015.

ADA FUNDRAISER: Bro. Wilt reported that the fundraiser held on October 4th brought in a total income of \$2,031.86. The total revenue was \$3,436.79 with expenses totaling \$1,404.93. The funds will start a new account of some type for future use to support our ADA compliance project. A committee will be formed to review the start of the project. We have received two quotes to date for the elevator. There are sketches that were done about a year ago of our building. We need to review where the elevator would be placed and where the ramp for the front door would be as well. There was some discussion about an external elevator if the internal one did not work in our building. Our doorways will need to be adjusted to accommodate our needs. The bathrooms will be revisited as well. A suggestion was made to possibly have a ramp installed that would lead into the lower hall to get to the elevator. Bro. Wilt is looking into grants for this ADA project.

BILLS: Insurance bill to Gallagher for \$12,229., \$11.00 to Bro. John Tooke for Czech School, \$82.13 to Bro. Mark Shrofe for thermal covers, \$100 to St. Barbara's for the use of the lower hall for quiz night. A motion was made by Sis. Carol Shrofe to pay the bills, second by Sis. Lauren Wilt. Motion passed to pay the bills.

JUNIOR BOARD REPORT: Sis. Alex Zahrobsky reported: Checking - \$3,058.55, Savings - same as last meeting. Spaghetti dinner - the juniors made \$35 in tips (donated by men's club) and \$39 in tips for coat room. Trim-a-Tree - Caroline suggested that the juniors meet at pancake breakfast at 9:00 at Brook Park 29th & Harrison. Wendy's Cards- good, money turned in from Lilly \$80 deposit, \$60 collected today \$140 total. At the volleyball tournament, the juniors will sell candy, fruit and water. Rhythmicms will be held on 12-14-14 at Chicagoland and Skills Day will be held on 12-6-14 at Spirit. The juniors will hold a bake sale on January 20th and 22nd. The juniors are looking into a December outing either at -Sky High Trampolines or Xtreme Trampoline on Dec 29th or 30th. The juniors are looking into a Yankee Candle fundraiser and/or World's Finest Chocolate. Meetings: Caroline will attend the next BOI meeting and Chris will attend the Dec. 3rd unit meeting. The juniors will have a Christmas party on Dec. 18th.

BOI REPORT: Bro. Howie Maskill presented the BOI report. Bills presented: \$12.50 to Sis. D Becker for extra paper to duplicate the Health Forms, \$25.90 and \$11.75 to Sis. Barcal for supplies to make the ornaments and \$310 to Bro. Bazata in payment of the Wheel certification for Emily Temmer. Bro. Maskill reported that bring a friend week was successful. The BOI will have another one in the Spring. Classes: Tots: 10 enrolled, 9 average; 1Girls-26 enrolled, 20 average; 2Girls-14 average, 14 average, Jr. Girls-8 enrolled, 5-6 average, Women-they have two volleyball teams, Co-Ed-they have begun to work on the Senior II cal; 1Boys-6 enrolled, 2Boys-8 enrolled, Jr. Boys-4 enrolled, 2 average, Men-currently have three volley ball teams. Two men's teams and one team of men and junior boys. Wheels-12 enrolled, 11 average. This class meets every Wednesday. Spin - the new session will begin November 1st. Mondays (basic Czech) and Tuesdays (Life Learner Czech)-7 - 8:30 p.m. These classes will begin in January. Wednesday Czech class - 7 - 8:30 p.m. This is an intermediate class and will run for 12 weeks. Czech film series will be held on Friday, Nov. 7th beginning at 7 p.m. The cost is \$4.00. English as a Second Language class will be returning. We could use an extra person to be on this language committee. Babysitting Class will be held in April. This does not cost us anything.

BUILDING MANAGEMENT REPORT: Bro. Shrofe reported that it cost us \$5500 to fix the sewers. The heat valve was repaired. Due to the liquor liability changes, we will only rent to the district or members. The floor will be done and the apartment will be cleaned. We would like to convert the laundry room/coat room in the office for Spirit. We

can move the copier, computer, etc. We will also like to move the file cabinets. There has been conversation about possibly turning the club room into a weight/workout room. The club room could then be the apartment. A list for cleaning responsibilities will be created for the men's and women's classes.

PR/MARKETING: Our advertising on Facebook is reasonably priced. The coupon mailers are costly and cost us more than we get in return. Sis. Keefe explained another marketing idea to us that is called Welcome Wagon. Welcome Wagon welcomes new homeowners with a book of local businesses in the area and services that they offer. We can have our information in the book that is distributed. The cost is \$75 a month. We can also have an online ad that will link to our website. She will meet with the rep from Welcome Wagon and present to the executive board for approval. On Facebook we have ten community groups that we inform about our events. Spaghetti dinner will be going out on Facebook. LaGrange Patch will do advertising for us. WTW: A while back we sent a group to work the telethon. Bro. Wilt will connect with the contact. Sis. Keefe would like to coordinate a painting fundraiser in February. It would be a paint night at Spirit in the lower hall. The coordinator comes and sets up the easels, brings the paint and canvases. We can sell food and/or drinks. We can sell up to 100 spots for painting. This event is open to everyone. Maybe the women's class could coordinate this fundraiser. The newsletter submission deadline is November 20th. Sis. Wilt would like to have a small article written about the Honor flight for Dick Ptacek.

Insurance: Our renewal is 11/1. We had a three percent increase which is phenomenal. Sis. Keefe met someone who has a carrier that likes to deal with non for profits. She is looking to see if they can give us a better deal. Our premiums are to be paid now without workmen's comp.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bro. Barcal reported: Beginning checkbook balance: \$21,595.81, income of \$4,635.17 and expenses of \$10,363.92 for an ending checkbook balance of \$15,867.06. We paid Seldon Fox. Payroll and insurance will be paid. We will need money to pay for the plumbing expense, insurance, gas and bills. We will be receiving income from the spaghetti dinner and wreath sale. We will need to generate invoices for dues. A motion was made by Bro. Babka to pay the bills, second by Sis. Zitko. Motion paid.

MEMBERSHIP: Sis. Becker reported that youth dues were paid in the amount of \$790. This did not include those enrolled in our wheel class. We have 288 members. We have 24 new families to Sokol (non-voting, right now). Dues letters will be coming out this month. Dues are \$70 and there will be a \$30 late fee after 1/15/15. Some of our members have not received the American Sokol publication since the beginning of the year.

DELEGATE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Central District: Annual meeting was held on Sunday. The officers will remain the same. Sis. Nicole Marchluk is our new membership director. We still need a Secretary at the district level. The audit will be done again since attendance was low due to late notice. There were also some minor by law changes. The President's Awards went to Sis. Marla Breidenbach and Bro. Miro Janosik from Sokol St. Louis. There will be a bus going to the 150th celebration in St. Louis on Feb. 14th. The cost is \$150 which includes the bus ride, the event and the hotel stay. No Central District meeting in December. The National 150th Celebration will be celebrated Nov. 13-15, 2015 with volleyball and a banquet. Ideas are now being discussed for the weekend celebrations. If you would like to be on the committee, please let Sis. Wilt know. Should we send a well-wisher from our unit? Sokol Baltimore and Cedar Rapids have new facilities. The 2017 Slet will be held in Cedar Rapids.

BNC: Sis. Bultas reported that there were 21 burials and 18 cremations. The cemetery also does pet cremations.

Masaryk Czech School: Bro. Tooke reported the boys would like to sponsor a Czech radio program. The library will move to the Riverside Library. **Tabor Hills:** The facility is full! **CAC:** Sis. Bazata reported that there was no meeting. There will be a Christmas dinner at Klas the first Thursday of December. The new Czech Council is reaching out to the community. A delegation of Czech senators as in town at a reception at Klas to celebrate 10/28/1918, founding of Czech.

NEW BUSINESS: Our new external audit is complete. Copies are available.

Beer Fest: Bro. Ted Polashek who started the CCACC is looking to have a beer fest on 1/17 at Tabor. It will be an all-day event with Czech beer and wine. Bro. Maskill attended the first meeting for this event. He could not make the second meeting which was today. Bro. Polashek is looking to have participation from our units. Our unit logo would be in all promotions for this event. Do we want to participate? Each unit would purchase 50 tickets in advance to sell. Individual tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Bro. Maskill and Bro. Wilt will help when they are available. A motion was made by Bro. Maskill to purchase the 50 tickets (cost \$750), second by Sis. Barcal. Motion passed.

American Sokol Instructor School: Sis. Mary Cushing has asked Sokol Spirit to host the next school in June 2015.

This was run by the District last time it was at Spirit. There was much discussion about the rental (last time we charged \$3500) and if we should raise the rental fee. Could the bid include free admission for our students? How did we lose money last time it was held here? The dates have not been locked in as of yet. Sis. Wilt said we could form a committee to coordinate the school with Sis. Cushing. We would need a kitchen committee with a coordinator. A motion was made by Bro. Shrofe to further investigate and obtain information about hosting the school, second by Bro. Maskill. Motion passed.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Our spaghetti dinner is this Saturday, Nov. 8th from 4 – 7 p.m. \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids. We need volunteers.

SPRING ADULT QUIZ NIGHT: April 11, 2015 will be adult quiz night.

Our membership dinner will be held on April 26, 2015.

Our next unit meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014. We will have appetizers and refreshments starting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sis. Kathy Barcal (for Sis. Cassie Croft)