

Membership meeting minutes December 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Sis Wilt. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was held for recently passed member, Bro. R. Ondrovic.

Sis. L. Wilt motioned to approve November's minutes, Sis. W. Sanders 2nd the motion. Motion carried to approve November's minutes. Thanks was given to Sis. K Barcal for keeping them.

Correspondence: Spirit received an ad request for the book being produced for the 150th anniversary celebration in St. Louis. Bro. B. Babka made a motion to purchase a full-page color ad for the book at the price of \$125. Bro. T. Pajer 2nd the motion and the motion was carried. Sis. C. Croft will complete the correspondence for the ad. Spirit received another request for an annual donation to Tabor Hills. A motion was made by Bro. R. Zitny to donate \$50 to Tabor Hills and the motion was 2nd by Bro. G. Lacina. The motion was carried.

Junior Board: Report from Nov 20 meeting. Finance: checking=\$3,058.55; savings=same as previous meeting. Unfinished business: earned \$35 in tips from men's club and \$39 from coat check at the spaghetti dinner. So far the Jr's have collected \$140 for the Wendy's card fundraiser. New business: the Jr's will sell refreshments at the women's volleyball tournament, the jr's will be participating in rhythmic and skills day, the jr's decided to not do caroling this year, and the jr's will be selling bakery at the classes on January 20th and 22nd. The Jr's discussed having an outing to a trampoline center for late December. Potential future fundraisers include: Yankee Candle Company and World's Finest Chocolate.

BOI: Bills presented:

- ✓ \$22.85 for spookhouse
- ✓ \$30 giftcard prize for bring-a-friend day
- ✓ \$10 for trim-a-tree supplies

The class sizes have remained constant. Girls are preparing for rhythmic and boys are getting ready for their skills day. The Jr. girls took 2nd place in their volleyball tournament, and the women took both 2nd and 3rd place. The Wheel group has been on TV performing in city-wide parades. Exhibition is currently scheduled for March 28. SPIN classes will be held for free during the youth classes to give parents a chance to "try-out" this class and potentially enroll in it. The BOI is going to give class members an incentive to see who sells the most pancake breakfast tickets. For the budget meeting in January, the BOI will need to evaluate their financial needs and potential future purchases.

Bills:

- ✓ \$50.52, \$108, \$51.03 for newsletter costs

The Newsletter collected \$345 in holiday greetings!

PR/Marketing: 1 year of the wagon wheel was purchased.

Education: Winter handicraft event is cancelled due to low RSVPs

BMC: Discussed the use of the Spirit building for the next instructor school, decided that the cost we will bill is going to be \$3500 for the use of the building. The coat/laundry room has been repurposed as the Spirit office. The committee is trying to eliminate one of the electric meters to save \$\$\$. Men's club cleaned up the apartment on the first floor. The BMC has looked into replacing the building's lighting with more energy-efficient lighting. Quotes and proposals were given. There is an opportunity to work with a company that can get this done at a deep discount- at about \$5 per light in

the hall. This will be a 2-day job to complete. The cost will be about \$1794.68 to complete this project, and the potential add on costs will be ~\$300. Bro. T. Pajer made a motion to approve the BMC to spend up to \$2500 to re-do the lighting inside the building. Bro. G. Lacina 2nd that motion and the motion carried.

One of Spirit's members, T. Lemont has expressed interest in being compensated for the upkeep of the building.

Instructor's school was brought up again, and Sis. V. Wilt discussed further details about what hosting entails. Bro. J. Tooke is concerned about paying "other" expenses as the host. Sis. V. Wilt presented the actual budget that has been used in the past. Sis. K. Barcal stated that many of the costs incurred (i.e. travel) will not be as expensive for this event since many of the instructors are local. Bro. J. Took made a motion to host the instructor's school July 12-25, 2015. Sis. E. Babka 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

ADA Committee: There will be a meeting in January for the ADA committee, which consists of: Bro. A. Wilt, B. Babka, B. Barcal, M. Shrofe, Sis. V. Wilt and L. Wilt.

Executive Board reports:

Treasurer: The cost of our previous sewer problems has come out to about \$5000. The treasurer suggested that we move funds around in order to pay for this. Sis. L. Wilt motioned to approve a transfer of \$9000 from savings to meet the building costs. Bro. M. Shrofe 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: 11/1-11/30/2014

- General Operating Account-Standard Bank
 - Beginning balance: \$ 15,280.06
 - Income: \$ 11,090.42
 - Expense: \$ 21,501.59
 - Ending balance: \$22005.65
 - Monthly loss/gain: \$10,411.17
- BMC Holding Account-Standard Bank
 - Beginning balance: \$ 5299.73
 - Income: --
 - Expense: --
 - Ending balance: \$5,299.73
 - Monthly loss/gain: --
- Memorial Fund-Fifth Third Bank
 - Beginning balance: \$8,619.38
 - Income: \$ 1000
 - Expense: \$ 1,484.98
 - Ending balance: \$8,134.40
 - Monthly loss/gain: \$484.98

Notes: Dues money held in Memorial Fund is offset to reflect the true balance of the value of the account. In reality, the cash balance is \$9,619.38

Membership: 23 members already sent in dues in response to the mailing. Request for a new member has been submitted-Angelica Puchala –Jewett.

Delegates:

Central District: No meeting. Audit team will meet Dec 6 11 am. Sis L. Wilt will represent Spirit. The CD is looking for volunteers for the rhythmic competition.

Bohemian National Cemetery: There has been recent news coverage for news-worthy burials at the cemetery.

Czech American Congress: No Nov. meeting, and the annual Klas holiday dinner will be held for Dec meeting.

Mas. Czech School: They suggested to withdraw their involvement with the Beerfest on Jan 17.

Tabor Hills: The exec committee had an open spot, and a replacement has already been named.

New Business: PANCAKE breakfast!-Tickets have been ordered through TIDD to be mailed before the holiday break. We will increase the order to hand out extras in class for the incentive program.

PAINT NITE: Feb 21 at Sokol Spirit, details forthcoming.

Unfinished Business: The Spaghetti dinner earned ~\$1,421. Product donations are typical, and we didn't have these this year, so cost went up.

It was suggested that PR look into purchasing a new sandwich board to place outside of building during events. It was also suggested that PR create a checklist of what marketing efforts should be accomplished for each event. Finally it was suggested that PR look into placing ads in local church bulletins.

Wreath Sale: \$493.35 was made on the wreath sale this year.

For the Good of the Order:

Congrats to our Czech class instructor, Pavlina, on her recent U.S. citizenship!

The next Spirit unit meeting is: January 7- refreshments at 7:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Croft-Secretary