

## Membership meeting minutes                      November 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at by Sis. V. Wilt at 7:38pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

*Approval of minutes:* Sis. C. Shrofe motioned to approve the minutes for the October membership meeting, and Sis. E. Babka seconded the motion and motion carried.

Correspondence: The Brookfield Chamber of Commerce sent a sponsorship request for Spirit to participate in their annual Holiday Walk & Celebration, being held on December 5. Bro. H. Maskill made a motion to participate at the \$100 level of sponsorship. Bro. R. Zitny seconded the motion and the motion was approved. The unit discussed the possibility of participating in the Dec 5 event itself as well, and Sis. C. Croft will contact the Chamber in regards to opportunities.

### Educational Director updates:

Bills: Bills from recent events were presented

- BOI: \$135 for the tree at Brookfield Zoo; \$275.70 for new volleyballs (\$92 coming from Sokol Tabor)
- Supplies for the Rummage Sale: \$18.95 to Sis. M. Tooke.

Junior board: Finances: Checking=\$5,038.20; Savings=\$2,318.80. 2 Children came to the babysitting event at the last Quiz night. The Jr's will be busing tables and helping out at the Spaghetti Dinner. They will be selling candy and snacks at the Jr. Volleyball tournament on Nov 22. The Jr's will be attending the Trim-a-tree event at Brookfield Zoo on Nov 21 and will host their annual rake-a-thon afterwards. They will not be selling bakery at the Vendor Fair on Nov 21.

### BOI:

Class #'s: Tots=8, 1G=18, 2G=12, JRG=7, W=18, SrCO=25, 1B=7, 2B=6, JRB=4, M=19, Baby&Me=2, Wheels beg=4, int=4  
SPIN Thurs=2, Sat=5

The BOI will be participating in the Brookfield Zoo Trim-a-Tree on Nov 21. The tree is located on the West Lawn #310. Members from wheels class will perform at the opening ceremonies at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend. The Wheels class will also be doing another performance at Blythe school at an assembly. The BOI is having some difficulty finding a new venue for this years exhibition. Some members have stepped up to assist in finding some other opportunities.

BMC: Looking into getting new carpet runners with Winter coming. The price would be \$36 a week and the company would replace them weekly after cleaning them. There is discussion about eliminating the carpeting in the lobby area all together. The BMC is getting ready to sign a contract for winter landscaping. We have also renewed the Brookfield Liquor license.

### PR/Marketing Director report:

Marketing is going to create a Happy Holidays postcard to send to all of the names of those on the Welcome Wagon distribution list from August-November. The cards will have information about Winter offerings (SPIN, Wheel, Baby & Me, Czech lang and cultural, and gym classes). Mention of World Beer club as well.

### Other executive board reports:

**Membership Director :** Currently at 254 members, 62 youth members. Keep an eye out for your membership dues invoice! Falcon Key club has brought in over \$2,000 so far.

**President:** CD annual meeting is 11/8. The meeting starts at 9am. A paper copy of the packet will be provided if officers/delegates ask. The bylaw changes are relatively minor. CD still needs a secretary.

### **Treasurer's Report: (pending)**

- General Operating Account-Standard Bank
  - Beginning balance: 23791.27
  - Income: 12251.39
  - Expense: 12715.39
  - Ending balance: 23327.27

- Monthly loss/gain: \$464
- BMC Holding Account-Standard Bank
  - Beginning balance: 2299.73
  - Income: \$3000
  - Expense: \$0
  - Ending balance:5299.73
  - Monthly loss/gain: \$700.27
- Memorial Fund-Fifth Third Bank
  - Beginning balance: 7188.64
  - Income: 1007.51
  - Expense: --
  - Ending balance: 8196.51
  - Monthly loss/gain: 1007.51

Application for tax exemption-IL: Sis. V. Wilt is working on this task. They are requesting documents such as by-laws and proof of events and what we do. We were previously denied, probably because we had just filed for our federal tax exemption at that time. ASO just received their state tax exemption themselves.

Delegate announcements:

Central District—No meeting in December.

Bohemian National Cemetery—Still performing at a profit, does have lots available.

Czech American Congress—The Czechs in Chicago movie hopefully coming out next year. Picnic will be scaled back and will need a committee.

Tabor Hills—latest newsletter came out, save-the-date for the annual holiday bazaar.

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee--- we are donating a basket for both the gala and the Lisle celebration. Volunteers are needed for shifts during all the events.

Beer Fest 2016—cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door to attend. Sponsors are tasked with selling 50 tickets and providing volunteers for before, during and after the event. It is a \$1000 commitment to receive the tickets. Volunteer shifts will be 3 hours. Bro. H. Maskill makes a motion to participate as a sponsor for 2016. Bro. T. Pajer seconds that motion, motion carried on a 7 (pro) to 4(against) vote. Many members abstained.

New Business:

- The Vendor fair has about 20 vendors lined up for the event!
- Looking to reserve a date for a BYOB paint party. Looking at Feb 5, 7:00pm Max would be 40 people.

Unfinished Business:

- Rummage Sale report: the event made \$1,123.79. The committee has decided to retire this fundraiser. Among the reasons it is being retired include: Local competition, including more consignment opportunities, lower quality items donated, less tables at the building, no storage area, members taking items, delivering leftovers is tough and labor intensive.
- Quiz night report: \$1080 income before minimal expenses; potential spring date: April 16 7pm
- Membership dinner: May 1, 2016

For the Good of the Order:

Next meeting is Wednesday Dec 2. 6:30 to share some holiday spirit. Members with last name A-O please bring a hearty appetizer. Members with last name P-Z please bring a dessert. Meeting starts at 7:30pm.

Any members interested in getting a discount to the Christmas Around the World Exhibit at the Museum of S&I on Nov 28 please see Sis. V. Wilt.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cassie Croft-Secretary