

SOKOL SPIRIT UNIT MEETING
February 5, 2020

President Howie Maskill called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES: Treasurer's report corrections: General account balance as of 12/1/19 was \$19,764.56 and ending balance as of 12/31/19 was \$21,737.50. Memorial account balance is \$5,410.97. A **motion** was made by Bro. Bazata to approve the January minutes with the corrections. Second by Sis. V. Wilt. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Brookfield Little League Sponsorship- A **motion** made by Sis. Croft to be a BLL Sponsor in the amount of \$250. Second by Bro. Bazata. Motion passed. Sokol Tabor sent an email asking for donations towards their ad book. A **motion** was made by Sis. Babka that we purchase an ad for \$60 ad. Second by Bro. Bazata. Motion passed. Pancake breakfast tickets received from Sokol United. Passed around at the meeting. Thank you letter from Rotary Club of LaGrange for our participation in the Secret Santa program (donations of 70 items were received.)

BILLS: Sis. Heetel submitted a bill for the ad book mailing \$26.50. Bro. Barcal submitted bills for cert of good std.: \$6, \$185 for Sokol Spirit.net, \$74.95 for Sokol Spirit.com for 5 years and \$239.88 for web hosting for one year. Total to Bro. Barcal is \$421.68. A **motion** was made by Sis. Babka to pay the bills. Second by Sis. Shrofe. Motion passed.

Junior Board: Cole Heetel reported: The checking account has a balance of \$1539.23 and the savings account has a balance of \$2323.23. Jr. fundraisers netted the following: snowball toss, \$46; bake sale during the wreath pick-up, \$46; and the donut sale during the women's volleyball tournament, \$30. The juniors will probably sell candy and water during the Exhibition and they will also again run the basket raffle. They are planning an outing to a Franklin Park ice rink on February 1, 2020.

BOI: Sis. Alix Fron reported. **Class Reports:** Tots-21 enrolled/17 average. Started the cal with the parachute. Girls-21 enrolled/18 average. Half way done learning the cal and hopefully will finish in the next two classes. Started special number. Doing gymnastics and will be doing the fitness challenge. Boys-16 enrolled/13 average. Working on gymnastic skills and conditioning. Jake Heetel is assisting. Working on the first song of cal. GIJO-18 enrolled/17 average. Working on memorizing the routines and skills. Junior Girls-4 enrolled/2 average. Working on warm ups and gymnastics. Sis. Maskill is helping with the cal. A few women will be joining the juniors in the cal. Jr. Boys-3 enrolled/2 average. Beginning to work on cal and Fitness Challenge. Sr. Women-19 enrolled/10 average. Women met for a holiday social event during break, some women participated in the Volleyball Flapjack event on Jan 26, 2020 as well as helped work the pancake breakfast, they mailed the pancake breakfast invitations, they set up tables and chairs for rentals, they are going to have a t-shirt raffle during Exhibition, and they have learned two songs out of five of the cal. Cal is taught on Mondays with practice on Thursdays. The Senior II class will probably join the women in their cal since the Senior II has a low number of participants. Women will do a special number for Exhibition. They do some exercising, which needs to be done more, and will do the fitness challenge. Sr. Men 14 enrolled/. Turnout for classes in January has been very low. Only 3-5 men come to class. They are doing the fitness challenge and playing ultimate Frisbee. Starting to work on cal, but only nine men are planning to participate. The men would like to get weights and workout equipment for the gym. Sr. II CoEd-Working on the fitness challenge. The class is small, and some members will not be available to perform the cal, so a few will add on to the women's class cal. The class represented Sokol Spirit at the health fair in Riverside run by the Junior Women's League on Jan 25, 2020. The class is continuing to work on balance, strength, agility, and endurance. Wheels-7 enrolled/6 average. The class is continuing to build on skills. Two girls are now doing skills on top of the wheel without foot bindings. GIJO meets are March 15, April 2, and May 9. Our teams are registered. Cal and Marching-Feb 15 at Lodge 306 if anyone is interested. Exhibition is March 28 with a theme of "Sokol Spirit Prime Time." All classes will do the cal,

with the Senior II class joining the Men and Women's cal. Special Numbers are planned for the tots, girls, juniors, boys, GIJJO, and women. The wheels will do some exercises along with the apparatus and have another special number themselves. Start time will be 5 p.m. Ticket prices are going to be \$10 for adults 18+, \$5 for children 6-17, and free for children 5 and under. Each person purchasing an admission will receive a coupon for a free hotdog at the after party. Class members will also receive a free hotdog. Sis. Shields will provide a stamp for hand stamping each paid admission. Instructors can place a quarter-page ad for free. Deadline for the ad is Feb 21. Charlie Kempson will be asked to recite the pledge, and the flags will be carried out by the juniors. As to who will retire the colors, discussion will be held next month. The applications and information about the Merit Award, Fitness Challenge, Instructors' School, and Honor Guard registration forms are all on the ASO website. The Merit Award deadline is April 1, 2020. Instructors School early bird registration is May 9, 2020 and the school runs from June 28 through July 12. The men's class would like to get some weights for the gym. Sis. Maskill moved and Sis. Pajeau seconded that we purchase weights not to exceed \$1,200. Sis. Pajeau would like some of the weights to be 3 lb. or under for her class. When the new grant proposals come out, the instructors would like to apply so that the beam can be recovered.

BMC: Bro. Shrofe is excused. Bro. Maskill reported: New water heater \$2100 is needed. Ordering a floor cleaning machine for the lower hall. Grant applied to Czech Republic. Health inspector to come to look at kitchen and bar. Sis. Maskill organizing to get these areas clean. Looking into purchasing Speakers in lower hall for events. Exhibition after party planning has begun. Sis. Babka - can we use the Memorial Fund money to fix the handicap button on the front door? Funds donated in honor of Bro. Babka. Bro. Barcal said we were quoted \$3,000 to fix handicap motor. Reminder - back hall way is an exit and it is not a place to put garbage. Please put items back where they belong. If you donate or want to donate please contact the BMC committee, don't just drop it off. Rentals - member rentals coming. Creative Action Arts Group (stunts) - will be meeting every Sunday now. Idea: installing new water fountain so that you can fill your water bottle. (Can we price these for the gym? Possible grant?) Motion by JB second by Lindsay. Motion passed. List of duties for the custodian read by Sis. Shrofe.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bro. Maskill reported general fund balance as of 1/1/20 was \$21,737.50 and the ending balance as of 1/31/20 was \$25,615.63. The Safety account has \$17,216.67. The Memorial fund balance is \$5,410.97. Memorial Fund - were checks deposited for Bro. Bernie Babka? A motion was made by Sis. Barcal to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Sis. Shrofe. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Sis. Becker excused. Emailed Bro. Maskill: We have 224 members, 14 resigned. \$280 in quarterly dues to CD. \$448 for fourth quarter assessment. 43 members have not paid dues yet. Question to CD - why do we pay \$2 per quarter when they are doing so well. Will address at Annual meeting in November.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Sis. Kostecki reported: Sunday, April 19th for the Membership brunch - Rose's Catering. Suggestions for this year: less bread. Quiche was good. We need enough sausage. Maybe we could have casseroles as they may be easier to serve. Ham and rye bread also suggested. Women's class will be volunteering to help Sis. Kostecki with the brunch. Feb 24th to have a planning meeting.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR: Sis. V. Wilt reported that the second session of Czech classes up and running. Hardwire internet is up and running. Pavlina purchased cord.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Bro. Maskill - 2019 - working with the ballet group. They meet 3 days a week. \$2,420.70 income for this class. Beer club - five years and going strong! Sis. Heetel and Sis. Shrofe do a great job. 2019 - \$2381. Creative Action Arts - last year-\$3,630. This group leaves the gym nice and clean.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Sis. Heetel said next newsletter before exhibition. Deadline is March 4th. Last beer club made \$30. WBC for February will be Wine and Beer Club. Tell your non-beer friends! Live Trio will be performing for tips.

NEW BUSINESS: Summer trip of 2020 that is open to everyone. Bro. Wilt put out a survey. Sent Executive Board three options to Dominican Republic. Fri. 6/19 – 6/26. Five day trip. 6/22 – 6/26 cost is \$1800.95. Need to purchase five rooms. Need more information from Bro. Wilt before we vote. The trip should be promoted to the families. Request: Can Bro. Wilt do a one page description of the trip, etc. to distribute to our unit members?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Falcon Key Club – Bro. Maskill talked to Sis. Bossany. The mailing will be sent out in the Spring. We will promote at the Membership brunch. We will put those names in the newsletter. Pancake Breakfast recap: Flapjack money was given to Sis. Baran. Box of butter and box of sausage in the refrigerator. Pancake mix and syrup in the club room. Are we selling these items? Sis. Shrofe will contact Bro. Shrofe. Sausages were good. Please leave some butter out to soften. Volunteers were an issue this year. Sis. Shrofe: recommended a committee meeting to discuss the event to get things organized. Work needs to be delegated. Sis. Cassie recommended a task list. Sis. Barcal recommended possibly downsizing our amount of fundraisers.

DELEGATE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sis. Bultas – BNC – 56 cremations and 39 pet cremations. \$200 cremations. New EB reinstated. Tabor Hills is doing well. CEO is Frances Mendez. Open campus, 24/7 living. Central District Meeting: \$3 gymnastic fees for adults to watch. National Merit Award – Sis. Wilt will distribute to anyone qualified. Convention – most units want it in April and will be held in Texas.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: 2020 Proposed Budget – questions about expenses for BOI Development conference cost. Payroll expense – other-what is this? This would be payroll for our custodian. Instructor payroll – combining with gymnastic instructor payroll. Bro. Barcal recommended combining all payroll expenses go in the same category. A **motion** was made by Sis. Croft to accept the proposed budget. Second by Sis. V. Wilt. Motion passed.
We need to get a quorum at our monthly meetings to vote. This will be brought up at the annual meeting

Sis. Shrofe reported that a Czech and Then Some band from Texas will be touring the country. Will be in Chicago in June. Maybe we could host a fundraiser. Unit needs to acknowledge those that donated money for the lower hall repairs. Bro. Maskill will handle this endeavor.

Ad book deadline is Feb. 21st.

Cable and internet signal is bad in the gym. How can we improve the connection?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Barcal - Secretary