



Unit Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2023

Meeting called to order by Sis. Kathy Barcal, President, at 7:37 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of October 2023 Minutes: Sis. Vera Wilt motioned, Sis. Dorothy Becker seconded. Approved.

Correspondence – Sis. Barcal shared Czech Slet and travel information. Hard copies were provided and is available online.

Approval of Bills – Sis. Becker presented receipts for reimbursement: \$132.00 for stamps related to membership dues renewal mailing, and \$115.03 for ink cartridges for same. Total \$247.03. Sis. Diana Rhoades motioned, Sis. Peggy Gilbert seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report (Submitted by Sis. Jenn Baran)

General operating account:

Beginning balance	\$ 25,564.97
Ending balance	\$ 18,027.26
Difference	\$ (7,537.71)

Memorial Fund:

Beginning balance	\$17,271.65
Ending balance	\$17,271.65
Difference	-0-

ADA Fund: \$ 3,036.71 (no change)

Sis. Rhoades motioned, Sis. Becker seconded. Approved.

Building Management Director's Report: Presented by Bro. Adam Wilt

● Leases

- Meeting with Jack Update - Went well. He agreed to all requests. Adam still needs to send Jack a recap.
- December 16 – Brook Park School Parent Night Out CANCELED - Mark has not heard from Brook Park School so if they are doing something they aren't doing it at Spirit.
- December 29 - Member Rental for Brandi Weyers pending
- March 2 – Gross Fundraiser
- Other - Several Inquiries have come in - Adam and Kathy have been coordinating with Mark and Peggy

● Unfinished Business

- Donor Wall – Howie to update BMC in January
- Window Treatments in Equipment Room - Couple options below for the Sokol windows in Equipment Room (5 windows) Each one is 73in L x 38in W. Looking at options other than new blinds and cost effectiveness. Approved to Black out Window Film – Amazon looks to be around

\$22-\$25 per window. Before completing the project we will test one window (the side one) first. Purchase of film approved by virtue of approving BMC report.

- Painting Bids - Will be presented and reviewed at January Meeting
- Tuck pointing Bids - Will be presented and reviewed at January Meeting
- Pipe Tightening above Gym (Bob) - Pending
- Removal of Ladder in Gym (Michael) - To be completed by early January
- Electric: Break needs to be replaced (Mark) - Project to be completed soon
- Liquor License (Mark) - COMPLETE: This has been submitted to the Village of Brookfield
- Fire Extinguisher - Peggy will complete this by next Tuesday, Dec. 5
- Floor ComEd Audit - Update from Peggy: Still awaiting more info from ComEd
- Nicor Audit - Update from Peggy: Meribeth Tooke is assisting me with the programs from NICOR. She did a deep dive into their website and found grants for kitchen items including dishwashers etc... Nothing as far as the boiler though. She is very knowledgeable regarding this stuff so I have asked for her assistance. John will have her info. We may want to look into replacing the vent hood as it doesn't seem to work well and you guys really could use it during events.
- Replace Beer Lines - Update Needed
- 3rd Floor Closet Door (Eric) - Update Needed
- Apartment Remodel - To be discussed at January BMC Meeting
- Boiler - Plan for future replacement to be discussed at January BMC Meeting
 - Current Heating Issue - Bulldog is coming on 12/5 to fix our heating issue.

● New Business

○ Floor Scrubber Repair - Update from Peggy: Floor scrubber is working again. The belt is fine but as a wearable item, if we are going to keep the machine we should have a spare belt (\$20). The brush motor tripped its breaker, so the breaker is now labeled. If it trips again there could be a motor issue but I've run it for a couple of hours and seems fine. Note: two motors on the machine, one for scrubber, one for suction.

Next Meeting January 25, 2024. Sis. Wilt motioned, Sis. Gilbert seconded. Approved.

Board of Instructors Director's Report: Submitted by Sis. Alix Fron, presented by Sis. Tricia Rini

Brookfield Zoo Tree trimming: The tree was trimmed on November 12. Approximately six to eight class members came to hang their ornaments, and we provided hot chocolate and treats.

Sokol Spirit had 31 participants in the Central District Turkey Time Competition on Saturday November 18th. There were 5 Boys, 25 Girls, and 1 Junior Girl. The participants left with lots of ribbons and medals!

Sokol Spirit had 61 class members participate in the CD Track & Field competition. 10 Boys, 3 Junior Boys, 37 Girls, 5 Junior Girls, and 6 Women. The competition was remote so the events were done within classes and scores were sent in. We are awaiting the results.

Wheels class student Hope Spazack placed first in a competition in Chicago. Three of the students participated in the Festival of Lights parade in Chicago on November 18.

Alix Fron purchased 6 dodgeballs for \$79.90 (payment approved by way of approving BOI report)

Winter Show: The event will be December 15, 2023 at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm). Santa will visit and be in the basement for pictures after the show. The chairs will be set up on Thursday night after the women's class. We will set up chairs on both sides of the gym so the spring floor needs to be removed. The men's class has been asked to remove the spring floor on Tuesday,

December 12 at 8 p.m. If anyone else can come help remove the spring floor that day it would be appreciated. We are hoping that the spring floor can be set back up after volleyball on 12/15 since so many men will be there. We are looking to provide refreshments and crafts for the kids after the show.

Winter break will run from December 15, 2023 through January 7, 2024.

Registration is now open for the Winter/Spring Session. The session begins January 8th and ends May 17, 2024. No classes March 25-29, 2024.

Fun Fair: The date of February 17 is being planned for the fun fair with the format being similar to that of last year.

Exhibition: Tricia Rini contacted George Washington Middle School. They sent forms to be filled out. No dates are yet determined but we are looking at 4/13 or 4/20. Pricing was quoted at \$90/hr for the gym, \$60/hr for the classroom, and janitor fees. The BOI discussed having the rehearsal at Spirit if needed and to move any equipment needed on Saturday morning. April 20 seems to be the preferred date, but no times were discussed. Would the BMC host an after party?

Sis. Carole Shrofe motioned, Sis. Becker seconded. Approved.

Executive Board Reports & Upcoming Events

Newsletter – No report but the December issue is expected to hit mailboxes this week. Holiday Greetings submissions are very low. We need to figure out a way to promote it more to encourage participation to defray cost of printing and mailing the newsletter.

Financial Secretary – Sis. Dorothy Becker reports that membership dues renewal mailing is in the mail. She will also be paying youth membership quarterly to ASO. \$10 each for total of 96 youth which includes 54 returning students and 42 new students. There was also discussion about an alternative to sending membership cards. An online template can be set up and members can print their own cards in their homes. Perhaps this can be done starting next year.

Education – Sis. Vera Wilt reports the Fall sessions are ending and will restart in February. There will be a Monday 4-week session or 2 4-week sessions. On the last Wednesday of each month there will be an online conversational chat. Participants will pay \$10. There were no takers for the Cultural class – may offer it again in Spring.

Membership – Bro. Howie Maskill reports he is hoping to plan one or two social events in Spring 2024. Also April 28, 2024 is scheduled for this year's Membership event.

Bylaws – Bro. Wilt was absent but provided a Bylaws Word Find highlighting bylaws and Sokol-related words. Participants are eligible for a prize at the January 2024 meeting.

Spaghetti Dinner – No report, but no class students' parents volunteered to help, even with the offer of a free dinner to those parent volunteers.

Wreath Sale: Sis. Cassie Croft was not in attendance, but it was reported that she still has not received the bill from Hiawatha for the wreaths so the profits cannot be determined yet. Also, it was reported that no orders were received from children's class families. Is the Wreath Sale worth running? It is still profitable and reportedly not a lot of work but seems like a lot of competition. Maybe consider changing the ordering window and/or incentivize the kids to sell by offering prizes.

Vendor Fair – Sis. Shrofe reports the Vendor Fair was a success with 54 vendors. Final numbers are not in but it made close to or over \$3,000. Bar and raffle profits were down, but the kitchen profits were significantly up. Many vendors want to return sooner than next November. Discussion

about a possible Spring Vendor Fair since they have been so profitable. Another committee to run a Spring Vendor Fair would need to be established.

Falcon Key Club: Discussion about re-marketing/repurposing/renaming the FKC to make it a more focused initiative targeted campaign for big projects. Would not be every year but a long-term fundraiser toward a specific goal(s). There are no plans for an FKC in the near future. May align it with our anniversary in 2029.

Delegate announcements:

Central District (CD) – no report.

Bohemian National Cemetery – Sis. Angie Bultas reports many people are choosing cremation for themselves and pets.

Tabor Hills – Sis. Bultas reports Tabor Hills is doing well.

Czech American Congress – Sis. Wilt reports there was no meeting, and also said CAC appreciates Sokol Spirit events.

New Business:

There was discussion about having a Ways and Means chairperson and/or a volunteer coordinator. Ways and Means to coordinate all events (but not run them).

Bro. Dave Kakareka reports the insurance bill was paid which was about \$21,000. There is a need to determine how classify our workers for insurance reasons.

The next Brookfield Chamber of Commerce After Hours event is January 19, 2024. Sis. Barcal will extend an invitation to World Beer Club. The C of C events tend to be earlier than 8pm. Bro. Dave Kakareka said WBC can start at 7pm that evening to accommodate. Motion by Bro. Bob Barcal to renew membership to the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce dues of \$90. Seconded by Bro. Maskill. Approved.

There will be no Christmas Caroling event this year.

Upcoming 2024 events:

Pancake Breakfast: January 28

Fun Fair: February 17

Exhibition: April 13 or 20 (preferred), looking into GWMS

For the good of the order

Meeting was adjourned. Sis. Carole Shrofe motioned, Bro. Dave Kakareka seconded. Approved. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Social at 7pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sis. Kathe Heetel, Secretary