



Unit Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2024

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

There was a short conversation about Prague Slet this summer. About 1,300 Sokols participated in Rock Symphony about 1,500 in the men's number. Most shared good memories about the trip.

Meeting minutes approvals:

June Unit 2024 meeting minutes: Bro. John Bazata motioned, Sis. Sarah Heth seconded. Approved.

2023-2024 Annual meeting minutes: Sis. Vera Wilt motioned, Sis. Carol Shrofe seconded. Approved.

Correspondence:

Sis. Cassie Croft shared an invitation from the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce for the Kris Kringle Market December 7, 2024 at the Brookfield Village Hall. \$150 donation requested but we have nothing to sell. Tabled until October meeting.

Bro. Adam Wilt will coordinate applying for an early liquor license so we can host an event for the October 13, 2024 Bears game in London.

Presentation of Bills:

Sis. Kathy Barcal: \$100.00 for Post Office meter for the August newsletter.

Bro. John Bazata motioned to approve reimbursement, Sis. Carol Shrofe seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Sis. Jenn Baran

General operating account:

Beginning balance	\$ 2,744.77
Income	\$ 8,612.06
Expenses	\$ (5,552.43)
Ending balance	\$ 5,804.40
Gain since June meeting	\$ 3,059.63

Memorial Fund:	\$ 14,828.28*
Income	\$ 353.25
Ending balance	\$ 15,181.53

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

*The Treasurer's report includes a \$2,000 cushion in the checking account (from Memorial Fund). Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Sis. Dorothy Becker, seconded by Sis. Carol Shrofe. Approved.

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

Last meeting held on Thursday, August 29, 2024.

Building Schedule:

- Sept. 9 - Classes Start
- Sept. 14 – Oktoberfest
- Oct. 13 (3-6 PM) - Brookfield Women's Club
- Oct. 19 - Hospoda (MCS)
- Nov. 2 - Spaghetti Dinner
- Nov. 16 - Vendor Fair
- Nov. 23 - Private Rental
- Dec. 20 - Winter Show
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 6 - Winter Break
- February 22 – Trivia
- March 2 - Membership Luncheon
- April 12 or 26 - Exhibition
- June 25-29 - American Sokol Slet [at Spirit on 6/27]

Projects:

- Water Pumps/Flood Control - Seeking quotes to fix issue with floats getting stuck and system not activating
- Donor Wall - Howie working with Crown Trophy
- UNIT APPROVAL REQUEST: Tuckpointing Work - Rite way is booked to complete needed exterior work for \$2,195.
- Titan Painting to paint area from roof leak damage in room/landing outside of the gym and in mens room [Kathy to confirm this amount]
- Parking Lot Cracks – Planning to fix before winter
- Outside Sign – Seeking help to change prior to Spirit events

Next Meeting - Thursday, September 26, 2024 @ 7:30 PM.

Motion to pay \$2,195 for tuckpointing by Sis. Missy Dropka, Bro. Bazata seconded. Approved.

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

Last meeting held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 @ 7:30p.

1. Mat Washing was completed on August 28! Thank you for everyone's help especially our two tiny tots who made sure we washed all the floor level mats.
2. Bills and Correspondence: Brookfield Zoo Trim a Tree Christmas Activity.
Bill submitted for \$198.00 for tree to be reimbursed to Kathy Barcal
3. Classes – Start Date September 9, 2024
Registration currently at 100. We are continuing to push open registration online and in our social media platforms.
Instructors are currently preparing for classes and we are making sure all USAG/Safesport and CPR training is up to date and turned in to the Central District.
4. New Business
Central District Dates
 - Track and Field; due 10/27/24
 - Turkey Time Meet; 11/16/24 @ Sokol Tabor
 - Shamrock Shuffle; 3/15
 - CD Artistic Meet; 5/17/25 @ Naperville Central
 - Sokol Day; 5/18/25 @ Lyons Park

Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 17, 2024 @ 7:30p.

Motion to reimburse Sis. Barcal for \$198 for purchase of Christmas tree for Trim a Tree by Sis. Dorothy Becker, seconded by Bro. John Bazata. Approved.

Executive Board Reports & Upcoming Events:

Financial Secretary – Sis. Dorothy Becker reported problems with Active. There is a discrepancy between the class prices on the website and the ones in Active. She reports Active is not charging the membership fee. Payments can be made via Square on the “pay dues” part of the website. Sis. Lauren Wilt will be asked to review the process and make necessary adjustments.

Membership Director – Bro. Howie Maskill is mailing out Spirit Bucks and a 2024-2025 calendar of events. Spirit Bucks did not make it into the August newsletter as planned. Bro. Maskill is requesting reimbursement for the Spirit Bucks printing of \$112.86. Sis. Vera Wilt motioned, Sis. Sarah Heth seconded. Approved.

Education Director – Registration is open online for language classes that start on September 16. Czech film series resumes September 20.

Bylaws – no updates

PR/Marketing – no report, but Sis. Proper will be asked to look into a decal and events magnet, and need to order Oktoberfest steins.

Newsletter – no report, but Sis. Barcal is pricing printing options to reduce newsletter costs.

World Beer Club – Bro. Adam Wilt and Sis. Sarah Heth will run the September 20 event. The theme will be Adam’s favorite beers and have a Czech theme to celebrate Czech Heritage Week in Chicago.

Other reports – Bro. Bazata reports there were 14 students enrolled in the summer Wheels program, and they performed in several parades this summer.

Delegate Announcements:

Central District Annual Meeting is November 3, 2024.
Bohemian National Cemetery and Tabor Hills had no report.

New Business:

Convention 2026. The National Executive Board is proposing September 11-13, 2026 in Minnesota for the convention. There are pros and cons for that date but it sounds like the decision has already been made to hold it then/there. Sis. Barcal will still provide our unit’s feedback.

Sis. Barcal is pricing copiers since it would probably cost more to service the one we have than buy a new one. Suggestion was made to get a simple, black-and-white printer. If we need color printing it can be outsourced.

For the good of the order:

Bro. Adam Wilt announced Czech Heritage Week in Chicago starting September 21. On the morning of Thursday, September 26, the Czech President Petr Pavel will lecture at University of Chicago, followed by a ceremony by the American Sokol Honor Guard. There is also a Dumpling Festival in Wicker Park, and Czech Night at Sokol Tabor. Bro. Wilt will provide further information.

Next meeting Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm. Bro. Bob Barcal motioned, Sis. Sarah Heth seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by Sis. Kathe Heetel, Secretary