

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by President Wilt. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was held for two recently passed members, Bro. Jerry Zitko and Sis. Anne Svec.

The opening activity was postponed in an attempt to save time in the meeting.

Approval of minutes: Sis. L Wilt motioned to approve, Sis. W. Sanders 2<sup>nd</sup>, and membership approved March's minutes.

Correspondence: St. Odilo requested a \$10 donation from Spirit for their annual "Hustle up the Hallway" event. Bro. B. Babka motioned to table this request. The Nat. Czech & Slovak Museum + Library sent Spirit a request to become members. Membership cost \$50. Bro. P. Lebloch motioned and Sis. M. Tooke 2<sup>nd</sup> to purchase the affiliate contributor membership. The membership approved the purchase. Submitted memorials this month: \$50 for Bro. Zitko and \$50 for Sis. Svec from Bro. and Sis. Tooke, \$100 for Sis. Svec from American Wilbert Vault Corp.

Educational Director updates: Sis. Took reported that the next event coming up is the babysitting training that is open to the community. With this training, class members also get AED certified. Last month's "1<sup>st</sup> Friday" film had 21 attendees! The education committee is in talks with KLAS restaurant regarding teaming up to show a documentary for next month's 1<sup>st</sup> Friday series. The director of the film will be in attendance to discuss the film, and KLAS would provide food to be sold at the event. The educational committee does want to collaborate with KLAS for this special event.

Presentation of bills: \$22.05 for the babysitting class announcement for the community, \$28.75 for a letter to the state's attorney, \$80 for the Landmark's ed guide entry, \$100 for the design an ad campaign in the Landmark, \$289.50 for new Spirit letterhead and envelopes, \$60.89 for director's gifts at exhibition, \$615 for ad book printing, \$61.50 for exhibition tickets. The BMC has had bills from the exhibition party-\$34.52 and \$60.81 for the participants' hot dogs and soda (Joe D), \$262.98 for bakery (George L), \$81.20 for soup (Adam W), \$151.21, \$261.01, \$42.68 for food, liquor, and water/soda (Mark S.), and are still awaiting a bill from Klas for about \$360.

Junior Board report: Finances-\$1108.24 in checking, \$1317.32 in savings. The juniors would like to hold another babysitting night during the next quiz night. They are also going to hold some bake sales before classes in May. They have begun to plan their annual fly-up meeting at the Smith's house. They also want to get together this summer to have some fun trips, but nothing is planned yet.

B.O.I.: The BOI submitted some bills at their last meeting, \$10 for passports, \$50 for gifts for our MC at exhibition, \$50 for babysitting class supplies. All classes participated in the annual fitness challenge. The wheels class currently has 10 beginner students and 2 intermediate. The BOI will be holding a special meeting just to talk about the future of extra programming at Spirit on 4/14. Upcoming dates for the BOI are: Wrap up + potluck dinner on 5/20, Boys competition 5/10, girls competition on 5/17, Sokol day on 5/18, and pet parade on 5/31. Bro. Lacena motioned to approve the BOI and Junior Board report and Bro. Tooke 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and the membership approved.

B.M.C.: Exhibition after-party recap-the party made a \$433 profit, which was more than 2013. This year's added expenses were the dj, but overall attendance was down. There was a suggestion to give a drink ticket to all those who attend the exhibition, to do something to give more incentive to attend the after-party. Spirit's new copier/printer: 2 out of the 3 pieces of the new machine are currently at Spirit already. We have a 60 month lease, at \$60 a month. When the remaining piece of the printer comes, the BMC will be setting up a chance to be trained on all the new features. There is a computer also set up near the copier. There have been reports that young children are making a mess in the lower women's bathroom after their classes. Due to this, the BMC will enact a lock & key system that the class instructor must be accountable for during their classes. The BMC also put a new lock on the club room door. All members were encouraged to bring any issues, concerns and comments regarding the custodian straight to a member of the BMC, and to NOT address it with the custodian directly. The BMC renewed the State of Illinois liquor license at \$500. Building improvement updates: the gym floor is bowing a bit, the BMC is going to look into getting an opinion on the matter. The BMC is also getting quotes on the cost of replacing the ceiling in the downstairs hall. Sis. V. Wilt motioned and Bro. J. Bazata 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve the BMC's report. The membership approved the motion.

PR/Marketing: Exhibition Ad book recap: there are still some ads that were unpaid, due to being turned in so late, so money is still coming into the gym. Unfortunately, one page of powerboosters was missing from the final ad book printing. The coordinators are sending sorry emails, a discount on next year's ad, and will be recognized in the June newsletter. The next newsletter submission deadline is MAY 20. Please submit photos from the upcoming events in May. Sokol Spirit is now looking for a digital voicemail system to incorporate with the new computer in the classroom/copy room.

Executive Board Reports: The Exec board will meet on Thursday April 17 at 7:30pm

Exhibition ticket sales and heads or tails recap: the gym made \$264 in the heads or tails game during the program because the winners generously donated their winnings back to the unit. \$2011 was sold in ticket sales. Next year we plan to limit pre-sales of tickets to save some money on printing and mailing costs. The team will reach out to regular out-of-town donators personally. It was also suggested by a parent to post the prices of the tickets so when people walk in they can start to prepare their money to not hold up the line.

Membership: the Falcon Key club as successful again this year, bringing in \$2750 in donations. Still waiting on some more money to come in through donation matching programs. Reminder that next year, the Key Club donations outreach will not coincide with exhibition to help ease the burden of over-asking for so many donations. The Spirit membership dinner will be on Sunday May 4. 37 members are going to receive awards this year. Some of them will be receiving pins. The price of the ticket has gone up to \$12 to help offset the cost of the liquor that is purchased for the events. Kids ages 5-12 will cost \$5.

Delegate Announcements:

Central District: Sokol Ceska Sin will be associated with the North Eastern District come November 2014. This will bring the Central District to 9 units. The exec meeting was held on 3/19 and the upcoming GJO meet at Naperville Central was discussed. They have 254 competitors signed up, 45 of which are boys. This entire meet will be a profit for the Central District. The CD still needs volunteers for the Special Number Competition on 4/12. There was further discussion at the meeting regarding convention issues, such as the bylaws. There has been some more detail released about the celebration for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are looking into a Fall 2015 Caribbean cruise. If you are looking for something closer to home-St. Louis will be holding a banquet on 2/14/15.

Bohemian National Cemetery: No report

Tabor Hills: No report

Masaryk Czech School: No report

Czech American Congress: the updated calendar will go out after the 4/3/14 meeting. Our delegate will promote the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary cruise to the CAC.

Treasure's report:

Refer to "Presentations of Bills" and "BMC Report" for all bills that need to be paid this month previously recorded in minutes. A motion was made by Sis. V. Wilt to approve to pay all bills, a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Bro. J. Bazata. The membership approved said motion.

New Business: Sokol Spirit's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary summer boat cruise-Early bird pricing through April 15. Info on the cruise will be included with the annual membership dinner mailing. The cruise is on June 21.

-Nominating committee & bylaws proposal: the members of the committee are H. Maskill, A. Wilt and M. Shrofe volunteered during the meeting to join the committee. The committee still needs one more member. The by-laws proposals are available to all on the website, and can be presented to members if they would like it in print as well.

-World Beer Club: A. Wilt and H. Maskill are starting a social gathering that will focus on tasting beers from around the world. Plans are still be developed, but currently they plan to meet casually once a month, with a possible June start.

They will provide 6 beers for tasting and open the floor for discussion regarding the beers. Czech beers will be featured first most probably. All adults are welcome, even if they are not partaking in the tasting.

Unfinished business: Rummage Sale reminder! This is our first time doing consignment, hopefully it will be a success.

For the good of the order: Sis. K. Rocush mentioned that she felt our annual exhibition was the strongest of the unit. However, she mentioned the marching and uniforms were sub-par. A lengthy commentary commenced regarding the quality of the exhibition and exhibition after party. Comments included: that children should be shown exhibitions from the past to help them prepare for it; instructors need to promote the after-party more due to low numbers; and the cultural shift of children's commitment to extracurricular activities was discussed. A. Wilt informed the membership to directly contact those committees involved in the planning an execution of these events regarding their comments and ideas for improvement.

The next unit meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 7, at 7:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

The meeting was called back to order, and the Treasure's Report was read:

General Operating Account	Standard Bank
Beginning Balance	\$258.98
Income	\$23,260.28
Expense	\$23,299.37
Ending Balance	\$219.89

Monthly Loss / Gain            \$(39.09)

BOD Holding Account	PNC Bank
Beginning Balance	\$10,024.98
Income	\$-
Expense	\$-
Ending Balance	\$10,024.98

Monthly Loss / Gain            \$-

Memorial Fund	Fifth Third Bank
Beginning Balance	\$17,883.64
Income	\$35.00
Expense	\$10,645.00
Ending Balance	\$7,273.64

Monthly Loss / Gain            \$(10,610.00)

NOTES: \$10645.00 in reserved dues was transferred from Memorial Holding to General Account  
\$11915.00 in National Dues was paid for 2014

Bro. M. Shrofe motioned to approve this Treasure's report, Bro. J. Bazata 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the unit approved said motion.

The meeting was then adjourned again 9:17pm. Set-up for the Rummage Sale commenced.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sister Cassie Croft, Secretary