

Membership meeting minutes October 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by Sis Wilt. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bro H. Maskill motioned to approve September's minutes, Bro Bazata 2nd the motion. Discussion/clarification was needed on a specific financial request for the BOI. Bro. H Maskill confirmed the accuracy of the minutes. Motion carried to approve September's minutes.

Correspondence: Save the Date for the Czechoslovak Allied Organization's 57th Annual Rep. Ball-Feb 7, 2015 @ Drury Lane. The letter also asked for interested parties to reply with young women who would like to debut. Kaitlyn Barcal will be attending and representing Sokol Spirit this year. It was mentioned that when they ask for donations that we consider donating since we have a representative this year.

Bills: Bills from recent events were presented

- ✓ Paper for copier: \$49.89
- ✓ Laser Printer: \$87.18

Junior Board: Report from Sept 18 meeting. Finance: \$2317.58 in Savings; \$2,473.05 in Checking. Fundraising reports: Carwash made \$306.50; The popcorn sales at Oktoberfest made \$65. The Jrs are currently promoting a Wendy's deal card fundraiser. The cards cost \$5 but the savings on the card = \$10. The Jrs have moved their meetings to the 3rd Thursday of each month. Upcoming events for the Jrs: Halloween spook house-will be using the basement and increased their money allocation for prop purchases. There will be babysitting available during the Adult Quiz Night. The Jr's will assist at the spaghetti dinner again busing tables. November 1 is the annual rake-a-thon, a sign up sheet will be posted at the gym. The Jr's will be holding a cookie dough and sucker sale throughout the late fall. The Jrs plan to sell snacks at the women's volleyball tournament in November. The Jrs will be in attendance at the rummage sale this Saturday to help clean up from 12pm-2pm. October 16 is the next meeting.

BOI: Bills presented:

- ✓ \$95 Youth Ambassador supplies
- ✓ \$40 Mat washing supplies
- ✓ \$10 First Aid Kit

The YA will have fire safety activities planned for the youth members during fire safety week (Oct 6-10). Registration was on 9/5 and the turnout was somewhat low. Many families are registering at class now. Class attendance: Tots-9 enrolled, 1st class girls-28; 2nd class girls-14; Junior girls-9; Women-number not reported; Sr Co-ed-6; 1st class boys-7; 2nd class boys-9; Junior boys-5; Men-18. SPIN-4; Baby & Me: 1 interested family, but not running program-need a 3 person minimum. Wheels-12 enrolled in beginner's class.

Men's V-ball begins October 3. The 1 class boys will hold a bring a friend to Sokol night to boost enrollment. Spirit will have 16 people in attendance at the ASO Development Conference. Class enrollment has risen since the first month's meeting. Sis Becker reported that there are 22 new families enrolled with us this year. BOI has changed their meeting date to the 4th Monday of the month-next meeting is October 27.

BMC: Bills presented:

- ✓ \$330 for cleaning supplies for the building upkeep

Sis D. Becker motioned to pay all presented bill throughout the meeting presented thus far. Bro J. Bazata 2nd that motion and the motion was carried to pay all presented bills. The BMC has some upcoming member gym leases. The current quote to clean the former custodian's apartment is ~\$250. On September 20, during a leased event, all the

plumbing backed up in the building, causing the toilets to not function. Twilight was called and port-o-johns were delivered to the building to assist with this issue. There were many roots and back-ups in the sewers, so the sewers were rodded successfully. The BMC is still awaiting the final bills from this evening's plumbing issues. Upcoming plans for the building: lower hall floor stripped and waxed, two quotes already obtained one at \$3500 and one at \$1500. The hear will be turned on October 3. The fire extinguishers have all been certified.

Executive Board reports:

PR/Marketing: The next newsletter deadline is November 20. This includes holiday greetings so don't forget to send those in!

President: Report/update from the CD President's Conference:

Membership drive was discussed regarding how people can become members at the national level rather than the local (unit) level. Benefits of membership were discussed, and units were told to create more benefits for their members. Partnership with local businesses was suggested. Currently, CD units can partner with Klas restaurant to receive a 20% discount on their bill if they present their unit membership card. Sis E. Babka moves to agree to participate in this partnership, and the motioned is 2nd by Sis K.Barcal and Bro B. Babka. The motion is carried and Spirit will inform Central District of our agreement to participate.

4 female nominees were presented for the CD President's Award; and 3 male nominees were presented. The 150th Anniversary trip continues to be developed for Feb 14 and 15, 2015. A bus will be rented and leave very early on Saturday morning with possibly multiple stops at various units on its way to St. Louis. The cost of the banquet event at Sokol St. Louis is \$35. The bylaws need to be adjusted to match the national bylaws better and this will be addressed at the Annual Meeting. The future of Sokol Day was discussed, with possible changes due to it being our 150th anniversary. ASO PR/Marketing director plans to spearhead a campaign to create a professional video depicting what Sokol is today, and is currently asking for videos from units. However, discussion revolved around the \$15000 pricetag for this and the director was recommended to shop around for a better price. It was suggested this night that they consider inquiring through local film programs at the post-secondary level for an affordable but professional option.

One of the male nominees for the CD President's award is from Sokol USA-but it was discussed at the President's Conference that Sokol USA is not invited to sit at the annual meeting. Sokol Spirit membership suggested to bring this discrepancy up at the annual meeting. Finally-the CD is still looking for a Secretary and hopes to elect on at the annual meeting.

Treasurer: The auditors created our submission and it is available to look at. Insurance will be due soon, we must pay that right away. The Treasurer will sit with Sis J. Keefe to organize all the insurance policies Sokol Spirit has with their deadlines so we are prepared for the future.

Treasurer's Report: 9/1-9/30/2014

- General Operating Account-Standard Bank
 - Beginning balance: \$ 3784.49
 - Income: \$ 28229.28
 - Expense: \$ 10008.12
 - Ending balance: \$22005.65
 - Monthly loss/gain: \$18221.16
- BMC Holding Account-Standard Bank

- Beginning balance: \$ 5299.73
- Income: --
- Expense: --
- Ending balance: \$5,299.73
- Monthly loss/gain: --
- Memorial Fund-Fifth Third Bank
 - Beginning balance: \$10,468.64
 - Income: \$ 610
 - Expense: \$ 3944.2
 - Ending balance: \$7134.44
 - Monthly loss/gain: (\$3,334.20)

Notes: Class fee income for the month=\$21,530

Education: All classes up and running. December 13 will be a crafting event, but interested attendees must RSVP/Register so the committee knows how much to purchase. The cultural series is starting October 2. Don't forget about the film nights! 7pm first Fridays.

Delegates:

Central District: Attendance at meetings is alarmingly low; some units and executive board members don't seem to take it seriously.

Bohemian National Cemetery: Tombstone walk: October 4

Czech American Congress: ~\$11,000 was taken in at the annual picnic, still waiting on some bills to come in though

Mas. Czech School: switched class schedules to mimic Sokol Spirit's. Friday 10/3 is a consulate event. The Czech radio host plans to not continue after October. November 1 there is an event at Klas with a bagpipe band performance; is it \$12 to purchase tickets now and \$15 at the door. Call Clara (instructor at Mas.) to attend. Sis A. Bultas then mentioned that this band will be performing for free on Nov 2 at the Arlington Heights Cultural Center!

Tabor Hills: Nothing new to report

New Business: CD Annual Meeting—current names of who is attending: Vera, Lauren, Bernie, Ellie, Howie, Agnes, Adam, Dorothy, John B, Paul, Mark S. Corr. Secretary will reach out to further delegates to fill 17 seat roster. The meeting is being held on November 2 at Sokol Tabor. The meeting will be called to order at 9am and will not exceed 3pm. There will be split-the-pot raffle opportunities and attendees are instructed to wear their traditional (formal) uniform dress. Extra ties and scarves can be purchased at the Sokol office. Units are encouraged to bring flyers for their upcoming events to be placed on one centralized table.

Wreath Sale: Sis C. Croft volunteers to chair this event. Typical due date for orders is Nov 10.

Unfinished Business: Okoberfest turned a profit this year of \$1295.29! Kudos was given to the committee members. The new mugs were a success, however it was suggested that we sell them even if a customer doesn't purchase the drink package. The food was great this year. Aggressive publicity for the event needs to start earlier in the summer. Bro B. Barcal will pick up our banner from the village hall.

Calendar change: the membership dinner will be on April 25, 2015

Rummage Sale: still could use some volunteers and bakery items for the sale.

ADA compliance fundraising event: about 80 people have already RSVP'd. Bro B. Babka motioned to create a separate banking account specifically for ADA compliance funds. Bro J. Tooke 2nd that motioned and the motion was carried.

Quiz night is October 18 at 7pm-children can be babysat upstairs by the JRs, the sign-up sheet is at the gym.

Spaghetti dinner: tickets are printed getting ready to mail out with the assistance of the women's class Tues-Thurs of Oct 7-9. Men's class will take the lead on this event per usual.

Building murals: denied by the village. Will get refunded our deposit, except for \$200 for a new Sokol Spirit official banner.

For the Good of the Order:

Sis A. Zahrobsky will be coordinating the orders for the 150th Anniversary clothing being sold by ASO. Customers must pre-pay and order forms will be in the gym. If Spirit orders 25 or more shirts, the name "Sokol Spirit" will be placed on the shirt.

The next Spirit unit meeting is: November 5, refreshments at 7:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm. Sis K Barcal will assist with hostess

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Croft-Secretary