

Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center of Colorado, Inc
House of Delegates Meeting
April 16, 2011

Call to Order: Terry Hudson, President at 10:33 a.m. with a quorum.

Welcome & Introductions:

Present: Terry Hudson, President; Lynda Wingate, Secretary; Tammy Oldson, Treasurer; Margaret Benton; Gary Malara; Art Moore; Larry Lillo, Executive Director; Pati Sawyer Boex and Janet Malara, recording secretary.

Absent: Karen Karns, Vice President; Rick Haskell; Randy Penn

Regrets: Robin Terry, Worthy Grand Matron Order of the Eastern Star; Lloyd Hannah, Worthy Grand Patron Order of the Eastern Star; Mary Ann Gold-Weidler, Associate Grand Matron Order of the Eastern Star and Charles Anderson, Associate Grand Patron Order of the Eastern Star.

Delegates and Guests: Lynn Brown-Jones, Grand Royal Matron & delegate Excelsior # 66; David Ramsay, Grand Royal Patron and delegate Ute Pass # 188; Nancy Swope, Personal Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and delegate for Columbine #11; Steve Hahn, PGP, Golden Queen #17, South Gate #138 and South Gate # 104; Maryellen Thoren, Colorado #2; Millicent Ramsay, Ruxton #10; David Schweitzer, Unity #97; Jeff Brothers, Pro-tem for Oriental #98; Alice Breshears, Hayden # 99; Gary Neiswonger, Lakewood #139; Peggy Boswell, Metro #157; Rick Brown-Jones, Union #7; Lester Williams, Manitou # 68; Donna Haas, Manzanita #85, Grand Secretary Emeritus; Nancy Frieburg, Hope #122; Idella Cummings, Martha #135, Grand Secretary Emeritus; Carol Neiswonger and Jill Quedenfeld.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Lester Williams; seconded by Tammy Oldson – Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2011: Motion to approve minutes as printed by Lynn Brown-Jones; seconded by Lester Williams – Motion approved.

Ridgeline Management Report Summary – Larry Lillo, Executive Director

We had a total Home occupancy of 92 – keeping the Home above the 90% expectation level. The AL is at 38 and 54 in SVV. We had two move-ins and three move-outs with two deaths and one resident moving to another facility to be with her husband in a larger

unit. We have already had 2 move-ins in April. The Fraternal family is doing a good job at passing the word about our Home and 56% of our occupancy is from the fraternal family.

Don't forget the Adopt a Resident Program or your adopted resident. This is good for both the Chapter/Lodge and the resident. One more couple was adopted this month.

We always need and want volunteers at the Home. Please consider doing something on a regular basis sharing your expertise or time. If that doesn't work for you, plan a single activity or visit the home for just a few hours.

Activities – Pati Sawyer Boex

The Shred-a-thon being held today is doing very well. Everything has been sold from the garage sale.

If you have a special talent, please do share with the residents at the Home. They love the regulars who come out and also the special groups which visit. Bruce comes out and plays his guitar; there is bingo; Red Hat, etc. but Pati is always looking for more talent and variety. Watch for the Reptile Show which will be coming soon. The Aurora Singers were a professional group who came to the Home and they were spectacular!!

If anyone has talents teaching computer skills, please let Pati know. The Home will be getting a computer for the residents use soon and it would be wonderful if there was help teaching them how to play games, etc.

This past month: Golden Queen and Park Hill each held meetings at the Home; The Rainbow had a Spring Fling; A wonderful Show Choir came from Kansas (and they will be back in four years);and nine residents went to the Shrine Circus on April 15.

The Men's lunch will be at Chili's this month. Easter plans are being made and a Royal Wedding Princess Party complete with tiaras for the ladies and a Princess Wedding Cake will be a big hit on April 29. The Monday after Easter a Corral Choir will entertain. Festivities are planned for Friday, May 13 for Mother's Day as well as on Sunday when one of the DeMolay boys will present the Flower Talk.

The Car Show on May 21 promises to be a fun event with a new Ferrari being a big draw. We have entries for 25 cars so far and each of the Shrine car clubs are hoping to join in. The DeMolay boys will have ice cream ~ there will be hotdogs ~ so be sure to come 10:00 – 1:00 after the Delegates meeting. There is no entry fee and all participants will get a little plague.

The Golf Tournament will be one of the year's top events so don't miss out! All 36 holes have been sold. We have four sponsors ~ and trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and "last". The silent auction prizes are really, really nice and phone-in bids will be accepted.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Report by Tammy Oldson

January Financials: Income 103 % of budget
Expenses 94% of budget
Resulting in a Profit of \$30,686.

Wedbush Securities: Paper profit .13% for the month of March on investments;
Compared to a loss of (0.10)% S&P and (0.04)% NASDAQ
This is a very small profit but the comparison shows how being conservative is keeping us at least ahead. We are doing well.

March donations totaled \$250.00.

Fraternal Relations/Volunteer Committee: Report by Lynda Wingate

The committee had a brief meeting on April 5 to discuss the upcoming events:
The Rainbow girl's Shred-a-thon and the garage sale April 16.

The June 17 Golf tournament – plans are coming right along but golfers are still needed.

Long Range Planning: Report by Terry Hudson

The marketing study was received and will be reviewed by the Board.

By-Laws and Board Policy/Procedures Committee: No Report

MCSA 2011 Conference Committee: Report by Larry Lillo

The conference planning is going very well. It takes a number of people to make a conference of this magnitude work and volunteers are needed. Maryellen Thoren needs two more volunteers for registration on June 17 and 18. All of the speakers have been set and program is being finalized. We hope to have 100 in attendance.

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

Gas/Oil Royalty Lease proposal- Montana Property –

The lease has been returned along with the \$3100.00 for the five year lease.

After discussion, Lester Williams made a motion to again have an invocation given at our meetings, seconded by Linda Neiswonger. Motion approved.

Please note: **There will be a meeting on June 18.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Malara, Recording Secretary