

Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center of Colorado, Inc
House of Delegates Meeting
January 15, 2011

Call to Order: Terry Hudson, President at 10:37 a.m. with a quorum.

Welcome & Introductions:

Present: Terry Hudson, President; Karen Karns, Vice President; Lynda Wingate, Secretary; Tammy Oldson, Grand Lecturer, Treasurer BOT; Margaret Benton; Gary Malara; Rick Haskell; Randy Penn; Larry Lillo, Executive Director; Louise Bates, Ridgeline Management; Pati Sawyer-Boex, Fraternal Relations and Janet Malara, PGM, recording secretary.

Absent: Art Moore and Randy Penn

Delegates and Guests: Esther Lee Jebens, PGM; Robert Swope, PGP; Nancy Swope, Personal Secretary for WGM & WGP, Delegate Longmont #11; Lynn Brown-Jones, Grand Associate Matron Amaranth, Delegate Excelsior #66; David Ramsay, Grand Associate Patron Amaranth, Delegate Ute Pass #188; Donna Haas, Secretary Emeritus, Delegate Manzanita #185; Idella Cummings, Secretary Emeritus, Delegate Martha #135; Millicent Ramsay, Ruxton #10; David Schweitzer, Unity #97; Alice Breshears, Hayden #99; Nancy Frieburg, Hope #122; Bea Varney, Areme #124 and SVV; Lance LaNora, Dawn #125; Judy Morrison, Mount Zion #133; Gary Neiswonger, Lakewood #139; Peggy Boswell, Metro #157; Lester Williams, Manitou # 68; Tom Keffeler, Estes Park #183.

Regrets: Robin Terry, WGM Order of the Eastern Star; Lloyd Hannah, WGP 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.

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

Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2010: Motion to approve printed minutes as amended by Lester Williams, seconded by Nancy Swope – Motion approved.

Ridgeline Management Report Summary – Larry Lillo, Executive Director

Renovations are coming along with about 1000 lbs of furniture received! Hopefully the rest will be received and in place for the Masonic Family Appreciation Night on February 9. The additional lighting in the Chapel is scheduled to be done February 2. Note: the old lights are remaining in place, just adding lights down the center to increase lighting.

We are six months into the fiscal year and are at 95% occupancy - 42 % of this is from the fraternal family with 6% from the extended fraternal family. This first six months, we have had 10 move-ins and 8 move-outs. (6 died and 2 had to leave for special needs.)

Our marketing has improved with the brochure being done in an easier-to-read tri-fold. The Website is very user friendly. The minutes for the House of Delegates are on the Website for the convenience of

all under the Fraternal Relations button. We are also doing well on Facebook and Twitter which is very important and even a necessity in this age - 40% of all contacts are received through the Internet.

Lots of people in the Denver area still don't know we are here but we are striving to get the word out. The Home is advertised in:

The Senior Blue Book which is a free publication printed quarterly for the Rocky Mountain area.

Prime Time for Seniors which is also free and is distributed at bus stops and in the grocery stores. We get about 50% of our inquiries from here.

Our Home is one of the best and the staff is always working to make it better. Over the past year our trips and entertainment have doubled; activities outside the Home have increased; the Fraternal Family is more active; the adoptive program has been very active and the Chapel is being used for more activities and by more people. We are sponsoring the MCSA in June which will give us nationwide exposure. Larry thanked everyone for their involvement with the Home and for sharing with others.

Activities – Pati Sawyer – Boex

Fifteen DeMolay boys came in earlier in the day and played Wii games with the residents. It was good to see the residents out of their rooms and laughing with the boys. Of course, the residents also enjoyed the donuts the boys brought.

Pati is requesting the staff to get out and do things with the residents at least once a month and is finding this is a good thing not only for the residents but for the staff. The maintenance group took nine men to lunch at the Village Inn and had a wonderful time. Please look at the Website to see the activities and join in as your time permits!!

The Home Christmas Party was a huge success complete with personal items left on the resident's doors from Santa. It was fun just to see the resident's so excited.

The countdown to New Year's was held at noon and was a ball! They had a disco ball, hulla hoops, and just plain fun!!

Pati will be able to see many visits the Website – how long they stay on each page – etc. so these will be interesting findings which she will share. Make sure you visit and increase her numbers!!

We have two new residents at the Home. Betty King has three first names so they just call her Betty is 94 years old and a 70 year member of OES. (outside Colorado). The other (Avis) is not a member of the fraternal organizations.

We have two new interns from Pickens Community College who will be spending time with the residents. They will also be working with the kitchen on menu planning. Pati is planning to have a make-up and hair party in May and hopefully the interns will help her with their talents.

Pizza is going to be delivered from Little Caesar's for the Super Bowl Party; Unity #97 will again have their fried chicken party; so a lot is planned for February.

The Royal Arch Masons #2 adopted the Home and gave each resident a personal gift from their wish list. The specially wrapped gifts arrived from Santa on Christmas Eve and the residents became like little children again. The gifts ranged from diet coke, bus passes, sweaters, sports bras, etc. Some of the residents even wanted to try on their new clothes right then and there. This was a very special – and the best for some – Christmas at the Home.

Christmas cards with the resident's pictures on them are again going to be done next year and maybe another will be done around July 4 – Pati thinks tie-dying shirts and having their picture done would be great!!

AARP will be back this year doing a class – this time 4 hours in length so watch for that.

Pati went over the calendar which is full for the year so make sure you don't miss out on any of the activities. The residents love company and these activities are fun for all. More sponsors – and golfers too – are needed for the golf tournament in June so call and sign up for that. There will be a senior technology class offered for two hours on March 8 and don't miss the concert on the lawn in July or the August picnic. Call the Home to get details on all of the scheduled events.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Report by Tammy Oldson

Our November income \$184,657(106 % of budget): expenses of \$145,296 (93% of budget); resulting in a Profit of \$39,361. Our Wedbush Securities had a paper profit of 3.2 % compared to 6.53% S&P and 6.19 % NASDAQ.

December donations totaled \$19,240.00.

The Board also voted this morning to move funds from our Checking account \$31,500.00 to our Home Endowment funds as another payment towards the outstanding loan, \$31,500.00 to our Star Vista Village Buyback account for future buyback liabilities and \$252,000.00 to our Robert Russell funds for future use on building improvements or expansions.

Fraternal Relations/Volunteer Committee: Report by Lynda Wingate

The calendar is full and Lynda provided a calendar of events. In going over the events, she mentioned they are still looking for sponsors for the golf tournament June 17.

Long Range Planning: Report by Terry Hudson.

Planning meeting was held on Monday, January 10, 2011. The Committee is studying many facets and will be going one step at a time, taking it slow.

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

MCSA 2011 Conference Committee: Report by Larry Lillo

Conference call was done and the agenda will be finalized soon. Hopefully the speakers will be

finalized by next month and then the budget will be done. Volunteers will be needed for this June event.

New Business:

Recognition of Donations – Leafs: Report by Larry Lillo

Each January, the Business Office Manager reviews the contributions made from January to December to identify those donors who have made a contribution of \$100-\$1000+ to the community. “In Memory of” donations will always be given a leaf – the leaf color dependent on the amount of the donation. The amount of donations by one person or group will be accumulated to determine other leaves.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Malara, Recording Secretary