

STATED MEETING

September 8, 2009

Meeting called to order by Ills Sir Jay Buringrud at 8:00pm.

Doors were titled by the Provost Guard with 56 members present.

Invocation was given by HHP Rick Oberg.

Pledge of Allegiance led by CR Bruce Nereson.

Roll Call of Officers was taken by AR Ron Beck indicating all Officers were present.

Official Call read by AR Ron Beck.

Morrie Rasmussen motioned, seconded by Don Kramer to dispense the reading of the minutes. Passed.

REPORTS:

Treasurer, Dick Snyder gave the financial reports on all portfolios indicating B&G and NOP are showing two expense line items are over budget. The expenses come under grounds & repairs with the majority due to snow removal. He also stated the Arabian Room is currently showing a yearly loss just shy of \$4,000.

Rod Gartner gave a report on membership. Stated El Zagal member number as of now is 1,226 taking into account all new nobles, deaths and demits. He also stated as of today there are 94 members who have not paid their 2009 dues.

Matt Sturlaugson gave his report on the Shrine Bowl and stated it was a huge success. They are looking at negotiating a contract to have the games televised for up to 3 years. He said the committee is always looking at ways to increase revenue. This year's sales were up. They have gone to a flat \$5.00 gate for ages of 8 and up.

Lynn Monge gave his hospital report. He states the screening held in Bismarck save us lots of money due to location and being at the clinic. Ten kids were screened in Bismarck and 8 were accepted. There will be a second screening to be held on September 25, 2009 and an outreach on the 26th. There were 18 screened in Fargo with 14 accepted. Detroit Lake's screening had 12 screened and 10 accepted. He reported we have YTD income of \$62,090 with Patient expenses of \$57,430 with a balance as of August 31, 2009 of \$12,040. He also reported he just received \$2,200 from the Vikings.

Greg Deal gave the Deck report. He read a list of donors-- \$500- Rednecks, \$9- Rick Paulson, \$6,000- Ladies of Nobility, \$500- Color Guard, \$100-Jay & Linda Buringrud, \$100-Rick & Laurie Oberg, \$500- Oriental Bank, \$15.50-Anonymous PP, \$3,000-Provost Guard, \$500-Arab Patrol, \$500-EMPs, \$5,100-Marie Mueller (IMO Lowell), \$20-Marie Mueller (IMO Howard Sgutt), \$500-Howard & Gloria Wrigley,

\$100-Bruce & Janice Nereson, \$100-Jim & Barb Swank, \$500-Mobile Nobles, \$500-Big Band and \$500-RDs. He said the Provost stepped to the plate to cover the balance needed to complete the project thru individual members. He thanked all that donated and a special thank you to Howard Wrigley Mechanical for all their help. Deal stated the deck should be completed by Saturday in time for the Deck party which is being sponsored by the Promotions committee.

Dave Miller gave a Bismarck Circus report. He identified the problems the flooding had created but the Circus still was a success. He said the attendance in 2008 was 13,487 and in 2009 11,015. He said their person cost was trimmed down this year and overall earnings were not quite as good as 2008 but again the flood timing made the difference. He disclosed they gave out \$36,000 to the units this year compared to \$52,000 last year. Dave stated costs are continuing going up and we may need to look at other venues in 2011 and beyond. Tim Amble asked how we can expect Cindy to do extra shows without paying more—Dave stated she does not do extra shows. Dave made a motion, seconded by Joe Jacobs, to allow himself and other committee members who want to go with him, to look at other circus options. Motion carried.

Scotty Uhrich gave the Fargo Circus Report. He said even with the flooding and rescheduling problems we did pretty well. He said he did not have the actual numbers as of yet as there are still receivables and expenses outstanding. There were several comments and questions concerning the payouts to the units. Scotty stated the reasons for not having the numbers tonight and it was short notice. PP Steve Garten responded this is a Stated Meeting and not a surprise and there should be better reporting. Ills Sir Jay stated a formal report will need to be put together for the next Stated Meeting.

CR Bruce Nereson made a motion, seconded by Dave Miller, to amend the budget to increase NOP's "grounds" expense line item to \$12,000 and "Professional Services" to \$5,000. Motion passed

CR Bruce Nereson made a motion, seconded by PP Drew Lickness, to amend the budget to increase B&G's "grounds" expense line item to \$10,000; "supplies" line item to \$5,000 and "repairs & upkeep" line to \$9,500. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF RECORDER:

Bill Anderson nominated PP Dave Larson, seconded by Morrie Rasmussen.

PP Monte Routledge, nominated PP Bob Wedberg, seconded by Don Kramer.

PP Dave Larson was elected Recorder. PP Bob Wedberg withdrew his nomination and made a motion to cast an unanimous ballot for PP Dave Larson. Passed

Noble Greg Deal criticized the actions of a Divan Member and the Divan as a whole. Ills. Sir Jay responded he has taken the action he has determined appropriate.

PP Steve Garten said he understands we have hired a property manager for NOP and “what exactly do they do?” Ills Sir stated they are responsible for getting the leases renewed and if we have a vacancy they will look for business to fill our space. They also manage the grounds and inform us of things which need to be taken care of.

Ills sir Jay presented the Samsar to Goerge Vettle for dedicated service to El Zagal.

Ills Sir Jay presented the Samsar to Matt Sturlaugson for his dedicated service to El Zagal.

Bryan Shinn reported that he again will be appointed Region 4 Public Relations rep in 2010.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Ron Beck
AR/ minute taker