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From Br. Eric Singley:

Hey all! We're doing a club room night at the hall on January 23rd at 7 pm. They have been increasingly popular during the warmer months at the camp so we're having them during the winter months at the hall. We'll have cards and other games to play (feel free to bring favorites), and there's a wings game at 7:30 and a Pistons game at 9. We'll have basic bar snacks but feel free to bring food to snack on and friends to share in the evening. Come on down to get out of the cold, socialize, and have fun!



Wishing all of our Sokol friends a wonderful
Christmas season filled with family, friends and
great memories...

May the New Year be filled with promise and good
cheer!

Vesele Vanoce a Stastny Novy Rok!

Renata and Gorton Greene and Erika and Sarah

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 21-23 and 28-30, 2015 Gymnastics Christmas camp @ Sokol Cultural Center

January 5, 2016 Sokol Detroit Meeting @ Sokol Cultural Center at 7:00 p.m.

January 23, 2016 Sokol Club Room night @ Sokol Cultural Center at 7:00 p.m.

May 29, 2016 Scholarship Pancake Breakfast @ Sokol Camp from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30

July 16-17, 2016 Czech-Slovak Festival @ Sokol Cultural Center

Sept. 4, 2016 Scholarship Pancake Breakfast @ Sokol Camp from at 8a.m. to 9:30.

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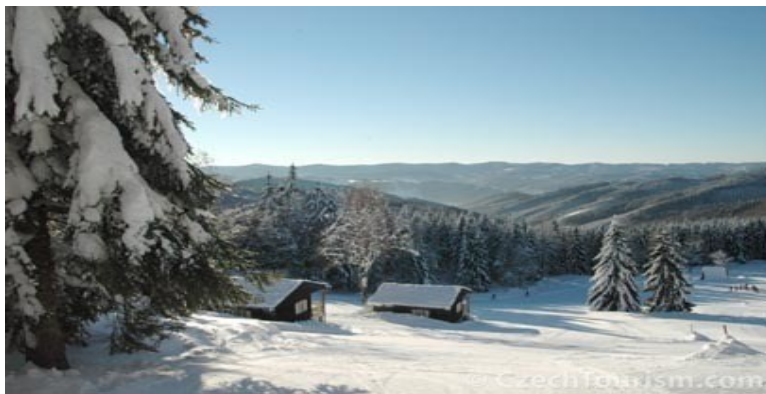
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NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS??

WE NEED YOU.....and we invite you to attend the monthly Unit meeting the first Tuesday of each month
(except July and August)
and receive ½ hour of volunteer time.

This opportunity is available for 2016 meetings.

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SOKOL DETROIT ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2015

President, Sr. Renata Greene, called the meeting to order at 7:53PM. The meeting followed a pot-luck dinner. Thirty-eight members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Application for Membership: No applications presented.

There was a report that Sr. Jarmila Jandasek, mother of Br. Bruno Jandasek, has passed. Also, Br. Alan Cushing had knee repair, and Br. Randy Ritter is recovering from back surgery.

Bills and Correspondence: Newsletters received from Sokol Spirit, Sokol Greater Cleveland, Sokol Sydney, and a catalog from the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. We belatedly received a request for raffle ticket participation for Sokol Greater Cleveland's 2015 Annual Czech Holiday Fair, November 21, 2015. Sr. Ann Marie Hurych turned in a bill for Sokol Detroit's pot-luck chicken donation.

Executive Board Officers Reports:

President: Sr. Greene passed along Christmas greetings to the membership from Br. Vaclav and Sr. Jarmila Kalivoda. She reported on the American Sokol 150th Anniversary celebration in metro Chicago. Thirty-five people from Sokol Detroit attended the event. Seventeen members attended the Anniversary Party at the Lisle Hilton and eighteen at the Gala, which was held at downtown Chicago's Women's Athletic Club. Twelve Sokol Detroit women performed a special number on Friday night, and on Saturday, one women's and one men's volleyball teams represented Sokol Detroit. A Sokol Detroit men's team has not played in a Sokol national tournament since 1990, and team manager, Br. Jonathan Conrad, stated, "our team placed first in losses." The women's team performed exceptionally well and placed third in wins. On Sunday morning, Br. Allen and Sr. Mary Cushing invited all Sokol Detroit members to a brunch before heading back to Detroit.

Treasurer: Sr. Ann Marie Hurych reported account balances as of November 30, 2015. Sokol Detroit made a donation in memory of Sr. Mary Ellen Turchan.

Educational Director: Sr. Bares read the Legend of the Christmas Spider, a Czech traditional holiday story and a favorite among children of all ages. Many people place spider ornaments on their trees.

UPC: Br. Alex Novacek gave his report.

BOI: Sr. Lynn Conrad reported. Funds were transferred in November from the BOI to the general fund. The BOI participated in the 150th Anniversary celebration special program. There was a day-after-Thanksgiving Day camp held at the Center, and a Christmas camp is planned for December 21-23, 29-30. On March 12, 2016, a St. Patrick's Day fundraiser will be held. Sr. Conrad brought up the Associate Membership designation for Sokol Detroit, and this will be discussed later in this meeting.

Historian: Sr. Joan Spiroff read a January 1966 Detroit News article on the best selling postage stamp in 1965 – the 5-cent Sokol-Physical Fitness Stamp issued in February 1965, far above the Salvation Army Commemorative, which was second. Sr. Spiroff also reported the income from the Sokol Detroit entertainment committee in 1937 and 1938 and a 1938 Sokol Detroit News article on Hitler.

Br. Martin Eisenstein reported on the recent Magnificat Magazine article about the Land of King Wenceslas (Wenceslaus I). The four-page article was about Czech Christmas traditions.

Scholarship Committee: Br. Bruce Singley reported that the annual Poinsettia sale flowers were picked up and delivered.

Endowment Fund: Br. Gorton Greene thanked everyone for past support. The Fund continues to grow, and a check representing 10% of the increase in the value of assets this year was turned over to the general account.

Auditing Committee: Br. William O'Reilly reported that the audits are complete for 2015. He asks that committees begin getting their books in order for 2016. He also requests that Br. Scott Brandon's name be noted as the other committee member.

Fundraising:

2015 Hayride: Sr. Lindsay Cortis reported that there were 513 admissions, an increase of over 100 from last year's event, and the profit was turned over to the Treasurer.

Bottomroo: Br. Alex Novacek reported on this successful event – part rental, part Sokol. While the ticket sales were lower than originally anticipated, this was also a test event, and it was determined that Sokol Camp definitely can be a legitimate venue for high quality concerts in the Dance Hall. The bands and producers were impressed with our facilities.

Czech-Slovak Festival 2016: Br. James Mack reported on the November Festival planning committee meeting. The theme for 2016, which will be held July 16 and 17, will be Beer and Spirits of the Czech and Slovak Republic.

Event Volunteers: Srs. Carol Brandon and Jerry Kalivoda are in charge of sign-ups for all Sokol Detroit events. It is important that they get a list of all 2016 events early in the year so that members can look at the lists and sign up early. Please make sure dates of all events are sent to the Sokol Detroit News and also to Brs. O'Reilly, Novacek and Sr. Greene.

Unfinished Business: Membership discussed a proposed Bylaw change to adopt the Associate Membership designation for Sokol Detroit Program Members: American Sokol Dues and Program fees will be collected from the Associate Member by the Program Directors. Associate Members will have no rights other than participation in the Program to which they or their children are registered. The Bylaw change was approved and voted upon.

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED...

New Business: Br. Novacek made a motion to change Sokol Detroit Bylaw: **Section V. Administration of the Unit. 4)** Proposed new wording: The Unit Property Committee of Sokol Detroit will consist of a minimum of nine (9) members and a maximum of thirteen (13) members, each elected for a three (3) year term. Their terms are staggered so that over a three (3) year period, a minimum of three (3) members are re-elected each year. (The maximum would now be increased by one member.) Br. Chris Cortis seconded the motion, and the Bylaw change was approved by the membership.

The 2016 Slate of Officers: Br. Eric Singley was nominated from the floor to accept the position of 2nd Vice President. As there were no other nominations from the floor, Mar-yann Fiordelis made and Br. Bruce Singley seconded the motion to accept the slate. The members approved the Slate, and Br. Victor Hurych installed the new officers.

2016 Sokol Detroit Slate of Officers

Executive Board:

President: Renata Greene

1st Vice President: Carol Brandon

2nd Vice President: Eric Singley

Financial Secretary: Kirsten Conely

Treasurer: Ann Marie Hurych

Recording Secretary: Beverly St. Thomas (summer) and Rose Wiggle (winter)

BOI Women's Director: Lynn Conrad

BOI Men's Director: Martin Eisenstein

Educational Director: Susan Bares

Membership/Interviewing: Lynn Mozeleski and Rose Wiggle

Standing Committees:

UPC (3-year Term)

Dave Bares

Jonathan Conrad

Lindsey Cortis

Derrick Fair

Diane Hurych

Endowment Fund

Martin Eisenstein

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED...

Northeastern District meeting dates announced for 2016: January 20; March 16; May 18, and the annual meeting on October 2.

Sr. Greene reminded the members that all committee annual reports are due by January 31, 2016. Please submit to Sr. Wiggle.

Br. O'Reilly told the members that, because of a scheduling conflict at their usual meeting location, the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan in November held a seminar in our Center dining room. Another meeting of this Society is scheduled at the Center for March 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06PM. The next meeting will be held at Sokol Hall on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sr. Rose Wiggle, Co-Recording Secretary



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