

July 22

GGC Board Meeting

10:30 in Pierre at the Masonic Center

Neil Kotas passed out a sign in sheet

- Opening prayer given by Nancy Gonsor
- approval of agenda: Sally Richardson and seconded by Mona Kotas, motion carried
- adding items:
 - 2020 Grand Bethel Session under new business (titled Crossroads Proposed Contract)
 - and financial planning will be done during executive session
- minutes of previous board meeting: approved as distributed moved by Sally, second by Mona, motion carried
- unfinished business
 - line officers handbook:
 - Kathryn Sannes suggested a committee of past grands go through the books because the line doesn't know what should be there. it was suggested that a committee work with the line to make sure each book is updated and helpful. Kathryn suggests a PGG committee create brand new books for consistency. GG Ginny will add it to the agenda.
 - promotional video
 - Jen Blake and Virginia Kaus have looked at multiple videos. Virginia will talk to people at Supreme and see what we can find. The suggestion is to get a video we can use now and work to create one for SDJD in the future. Sally reminded all that the video we do needs to be scripted. She also reminded all that the Men of Job did offer money for the video. Jen discussed some of the wording concerns Jen and Virginia had with the Nebraska video and getting clarifications on the wording.
- New business
 - Crossroads Proposed Contract
 - Mona spoke on the pace that the crossroads submitted for 2020; those dates for 2020 are still flexible; rooms would be \$90 before tax (rooms for 2018 are 86.99) Kathryn asked if the hotel was in the process of doing updates

because of new owners; Mona reminded all that the event center and hotel are two different entities..(and the restaurant is a third entity all together)

- Kathryn asked about the lasagna dinner; Mona explained that one table didn't get served, so the staff ate the dinner; Mona explained that it was just a mistake and the table did get a roast beef dinner instead; Ann asked if the hotel made it right with our organization, but no one had an answer; Kathryn asked if Saturday should end earlier; Jessica suggested postponing the board meeting until the 45 day; Karen Willis said the \$200 set up fee will be charged starting in 2018; she also mentioned that she has never seen a contract; she was told that if SDJD didn't hold 6 meals at the center, there would be a fee; she had a list of issues: "thoroughly disappointed this year" Mona said no one mentioned problems to her doing the session
 - scummy film on the pool
 - phones not working in room (reported, not fixed)
 - chaperones not able to get to girls.
 - "look into it"
 - cable issues
 - room rate: Karen said could have gotten cheaper with AARP discount claims we were being charged same as "John Q Public"
 - Mona reminded that it's always been a \$200 set up if not 6 meals and the contract goes through 2019
 - Sally: reminded all if someone has problems they need to come to the housing chair or general chair immediately to get it fixed right away — can't hash it out at the 45 day meeting
 - Nancy: says were's spending a lot of time complaining about issues, but every hotel has issues, but what's the big picture? what are you looking at? be cautious. centralization; what's the bigger issue? ease for girls? cost? there will be issues no matter where we're at.
 - Valori: asked PGGs to go to Sioux Falls to get bids; cheapest at Ramkota off of Interstate 29; \$5 more than crossroads; and the hotel gave us a tentative schedule with their bid; Valori

also said the Shrine and Masonic Centers would be available; Sally asked if we need other bids (Aberdeen and Pierre); Neil reminded all that Grand used to move all over, and was only in Huron for a time for financial reasons; Dawn says she gets calls every May from Rapid City convention bureau to ask if they can work something out for Grand Bethel; Dawn will check it out; Jessica reminded everyone that we can't discuss the current contract during these contract questions; Going anywhere before 2020 would require buying out the current contract;

- To buy out 2 years is 25% of the value of the contract. At 6 months the cost is 50%; Neil said "healthy discussion and you can put that in the minutes."
- Neil asked if the complimentary rooms were in the current contract or if that was because of the relationship with SDJD
- Sally suggested cutting a day out; for a Thursday through Saturday session
- financial planning:
 - at 11:18 The board went into executive session; out at 11:42
- Closing prayer (not done)
- adjourned at motion to adjourn by Mona, second by Larry, motion carried

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - 10:30 AM

1. NEIL KOTAS - CHAIRMAN
2. Mona Kotas PGG
3. Sally Richardson - PLS
4. Ann Holzhauser
5. KATHRYN GANNES

1. Jen Blake - VGG
2. Gary Johnson - VAGG
3. Herbert E. Cook - AGG
4. Virginia L. Kaus - GB
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1. Andrea Friedrichsen
2. Julie Bartekoske
3. Jessica Stanek
4. Dawn Erk, Gr. Marshal - PGG
5. Yalori Mahan, Grand Guide
6. Sue Coch, anon.
7. Andy Freese - ABG #44
8. Karen Willis, PGG, CAVT
9. Nancy Gonser - PGG
10. Kristine Clark - Guardian Sec. Betty #1

Nicole Miller