

## SD JGC 45 Day Meeting

July 13, 2024, Aberdeen Masonic Center

To Be Approved

10:40 the meeting was called to order with 8 people present and no quorum accounted for.

Jur. Guardian Kaylene opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved with the addition of discussion of D&O Insurance and Trailer Insurance, and Trailer Maintenance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled due to lack of quorum.

It was suggested in future minutes, instead of saying "Approved as amended", that what was amended be noted.

Communications included a letter from our bank saying that the Pierre location will be closing October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion included what banks to consider moving to in Pierre.

There were no bills presented.

The year end Treasurers report was presented and discussed. It was brought up that we need more Masons involved in the organization. The Amethyst Award was done in silver this year due to the high cost of gold. Even in silver it was around \$250.00 and is usually paid for by the nominating person/s. It was asked if the cost would prohibit someone from being nominated because of the inability to cover the cost, but it was stated that the nominees would figure out a way to pay. A thank you was given to Larissa Neiman and Laura Brown for keeping expenses to a minimum for Grand. There was a discussion about the reimbursement process for CAV application. People need to be reminded that they can submit for reimbursement. It was also mentioned that some parents are even hesitant to apply knowing that they would only be reimbursed if they actually ARE certified but not if denied. The reimbursement process needs further discussion.

Bethel Reports: Bethel 10 reported they have several members going to Supreme including 4 Bees. They participated in the Fourth of July Parade with the Masons, hope to be initiating 2 more members this fall, and will be holding Installation soon.

Bethel 3 was busy providing lunch for the meeting. They are wanting to schedule a sleepover at the Masonic Center soon. They initiated 2 Bees right before Grand.

Reminder that Year End Reports need to be turned into the Jur. Secretary either via email or hard copy, to be used for the Proceedings.

An edited copy of the latest CAV list was supplied by Kaylene, and it was asked for it to be gone through and corrections made in hopes of supplying a current directory. There was discussion as to the people not included, and that we need to be communicating with our "Old Crows". It was suggested to make cards at Grand to send, create a newsletter that tells what's happening, and include Masons and OES members. Articles can be submitted to the Grand Lodge newsletter as well.

There was a break for lunch served by Bethel 3 and the group thanked them for their efforts.

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## Unfinished Business:

OES member Jane Hallberg has agreed to do the audit and Karen will get computers and information to her. The issue of what to pay her was brought up and will be discussed further later.

There was discussion as to how Grand Bethel went. It was noted that for Elections there needed to be more time to fill out the forms. Also, the Call letter was missing information. Possibly add a place for the Bethels to provide the name, email address, address, cell number, for all members putting their names in for an office, in registration to avoid the delay in filling out forms at elections. Laura was thanked for doing a good job as Grand Bethel Guardian under the circumstances, but it was stated there is a reason we have Past Grands in that position, so they know what needs to be done. Pictures and videos were being taken during a closed meeting, despite that being mentioned. It was suggested that a letter be sent prior to Grand with some do's and don'ts to remember. It was also noted that the Grand Minute Book needs to be updated with Installation information, which it already has been.

Membership: Bethel 10 is doing a great job with membership and should be commended on their efforts. Andrea explained their success is due in part to connections to friends and families. Past members with their daughters now old enough to get back involved. OES may be able to help as their favored project this year is "Masonic Youth". The Majority Member website was brought up and questioned whether it still exists and if it's been updated. More visibility of it is needed. Andrea volunteered to update and revamp the Majority Book she authored previously. It was suggested the Masonic Messenger be sent to the Bethels and to not forget the Shrine's messaging for articles.

Directory needs updating. Sandy will combine the information on the CAV list and on Carol's directory list and give it to Kaylene.

The State Mileage Chart has been used for reimbursement in the past. In future will use it as well as Google Maps. Mileage is from place to place only and does not include additional driving around.

It was suggested that Bob Carrico do an audit class for Associate Guardians.

Information has been provided to Laura Brown to insure the trailer and an estimate of \$270.00 per year for trailer only, not the contents. It was suggested that be added to the D&O Insurance. The price was considered to be reasonable but could not be voted on due to a lack of quorum.

Bob C. also brought up the need for maintenance on the trailer. It is due to have the bearings replaced and he has an estimate of \$250.00. Again, there was no vote due to lack of a quorum. He also suggested that a maintenance log be kept inside the trailer to know what has been done and when. It was also brought up that the trailer registration has the White's address in Aberdeen listed as the address. This needs to be changed as notifications for renewal go to this address, and White's no longer live there. Lyn will contact Grand Lodge in Sioux Falls where several mailboxes for other organizations exist, to see if we can be added. We will need to also locate the title for the trailer to be able to change the address.

The D & O Insurance was discussed, and outrage expressed that it was cancelled. Two members of Supreme were mentioned as possible contacts for additional information. It was

suggested a 10% increase needs to be added to the budget every year. Bobbie Deuter volunteered to investigate it and have insurance in place before anyone goes to Supreme.

#### New Business

The vote to increase the JGC annual dues was postponed due to a lack of quorum. The question of why the dues needed to be increased was asked.

Supreme Bylaw Revisions proposed and discussed as follows and simplified:

1. Who can attend a Bethel Mtg proposed to include a "Parter by Law". PRO
2. Attendance of a member to include "All adult relatives" can witness a meeting. PRO
3. Lower price for registration of Bethel members at Supreme from \$50 to \$25. PRO
4. Yearly Liability Insurance payment by each Bethel member increases by 10% yearly. Proposed to increase to 15% increase yearly. PRO
5. Supreme Session profit split to SGC & Session Team. PRO
6. Add Alumni Assoc to Committees. PRO
7. Allows prerogative to Jurisdictions to add Daughter Voting Delegates to their Annual Meetings and develop their own parameters. PRO
8. Proposal to redefine Constitution and Bylaws. PRO
9. Change BOT term from 3 years to 4 years. PRO
10. Changes to BOT due to no. 9 approved. PRO
11. Membership in Supreme Bethel age limit changed from age 19 to age 20 by start of Session. PRO
12. Election proxy and voting age change to under 20 by open of session. PRO
13. Responsibility of SBHQ to work with Promotion Committee. PRO
14. Responsibility of Miss IOJD to work with Promotion Committee. PRO
15. No longer require GBHQ to wear white dress under cape for official events. PRO
16. Travel expenses by MIJD should come directly from her travel fund. PRO
17. Travel expenses by SBHQ should come directly from her travel fund. PRO
18. Add the Portuguese version of "Job's Daughters" to their ritual. PRO

Revisions are being considered to the Ritual, Ceremonies, Proficiency and Music Ritual. It will be optional to use new words to songs for Music Ritual.

The Supreme Visit will be November 1-3 for South Dakota. Pierre has agreed to host and will consider doing Bash then. It was suggested that a Save the Date be sent out as soon as possible to get it on calendars, with additional information sent out once details are confirmed.

Kaylene still needed Chairpersons for Miss Pageant and some suggestions were given. It was also suggested for all committees that only Chairpersons be selected by Jur. Guardian, then the Chairs find the rest of the committee with condition they designate a Vice Chair who will become chair the following year. The question was asked how we can select a Miss with only one member competing. Sandy explained that she was required to meet the requirements and do all the competitions, just the same as when multiple girls would run.

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Sunshine/Rain

Certificates for Sarah's and Tyler's bricks at Supreme have just arrived from a year ago!

Congratulations to John and Karen Willis on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Monday 7/15!

Bobbie Deuter's sister Josephine finalized the adoption of a little girl.

Bill and Mary Carey are doing good.

Sarah Vanneman Maskovich has gotten a job on the same floor that she has been working on at Avera. Her schedule will better accommodate her classes for her final months of school.

The meeting was adjourned.

After adjournment the process of scanning petitions was brought up. Bobbie was frustrated with several things making the process very slow. It was discussed whether we even need the actual petition, or just some of the information since we can use sponsors now. Bobbie will create a shareable document that specific people will be able to add the information we need. The hope is that it will speed up the process and create a document with usable data.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynanne Neiman, PGG

SD Jurisdictional Secretary