REPORT OF MEETING CT. ELKS PER ASSOCIATION

Date September 17, 2023 ***Lodge Bristol #1010***

MEETING OPENED at approximately **12:50 pm**, President **Denise Johnson** presiding

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Chaplain Brinda Miller, Inner Guard Joe Frederick absent

ROLL CALL OF LODGES: **19** Lodges Present; Total Attendance **38**

MI**NUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION**: Accepted as Corrected / Read **Corrected**

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS:
Don Burrier, Hamden #2202 Wayne Russell, Meriden #36
Sworn in by President Denise Johnson

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:
Howie Lawlor, SVP ill at home
Following members deceased: Dan Skiba, PSP, Rockville, Denise Reynolds PER New Haven, John Benton, PER, Wethersfield/RockyHill, Francis Adams PSP, New London
Lodge of Sorrows conducted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Scholarship: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Elks Travel Passport Books: Lysa Molnar announced the passport books are available today. Completed books will be presented, and pins will be awarded at the awards night of the yearly convention. Pins will have a numeral for the number of books completed. Books received today will be signed for. The PER Assoc. VP's will deliver the books to their respective district lodges.

- Art Brault asked regarding the time limit to complete books. Books can be kept until finished. No time limit on books or awards.
- Motion by Mike Bonini, 2nd by Denise Johnson to move the PER Meritorious Service Awards to the State Convention on Friday awards night. Discussion: D Johnson stated that the awards should be moved from mid-year meetings to State meetings for more recognition. Constraints may make it difficult to present the awards at the mid-year. Mike Bonini stated there would be more exposure by presenting the awards on Friday night At the State Convention. Mike also stated that a line for presenting the awards at the annual convention needed a by-law change of one line, and that could be done on the website by notifying the membership. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election and Installation of Officers

President: Lysa Molnar	Nominated/2nd By: Lisa Morrisette/ Jim Coley
1st Vice Pres: Ray Dunbar	Nominated/2nd By: Lisa Dunbar/R Ferone
2nd Vice Pres: Tom Smith	Nominated/2nd BY: Ray Dunbar/ Mary Smith

3rd Vice Pres: Justin Fedler Nominated /2nd By: Tom Smith/ Don Burrier

4th Vice Pres: Carolyn Vallee Nominated/2 nd By: Lisa Morisette/ Louise Maynard

Secretary: Jamie Sienna Nominated/2 nd BY: Tom Smith/Mike Bonini

Treasurer: Ed Baranyai Nominated/2 nd By: Al Baranyai/ Jim Money

Motion by Ed Baranyai, second by Al Baranyai, that nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one ballot for all nominees (except Secretary). Motion carried, the Secretary cast one ballot for all nominees (except Secretary).

Motion by _____, second by _____that the Treasurer cast one ballot for Secretary. Motion carried, the Treasurer cast one ballot Secretary.

Officer Appointees by President Elect:

Sgt @ Arms: Jim Eccleston PER;

Chaplain: Richard Poole. PER;

Inner Guard: Tom Matthews, PER

Installation of Officers by Past State / Association President PSP Mike Bonini

- Motion by R Ferone to donate $100 to ENF in the name of GER Shook.2nd by M Johnson, motion passed.

- Motion by R Ferone to reimburse Lysa Molnar $114.12 for expenses for the PER meeting on 5/21/23, 2nd by D Johnson, motion passed.

- Motion by Mike Bonini, 2nd by Tom Smith to change the PER Scholarship Award to the PGER Peter Affatato Scholarship Award. Discussion: J Money stated that the State and PER Associations donate $500 each to the Peter Affatato Award. T Smith stated that not many new members may know the name Peter Affatato.

  Motion passed.

- Lysa Molnar discussed workshops being held to discuss protocol, including mentoring lodge officers by PER's. An effort should be made to have lodge PER's mentor their officers. Also, workshops be held to discuss education at the meeting in Putnam went over well. It was noted that the March meeting may be a better choice. Don Burrier stated maybe the meeting could be an on-line meeting. Martha Deegan stated maybe the workshop can be done at the State mid-year meeting.

- Mike Bonini made a motion to do Leading Knights workshop, with date to be announced, by the PER Association, 2nd by Phil Roy. Discussion: J Fedler asked what would the Leading Knights be mentored on. Alicia Dunbar questioned when the workshops would be held, considering the distance to travel, and the time of year regarding weather. Ray Dunbar stated there is a need to give awareness to lodge officers as to the consequences if steps are not followed. A slate of officers cannot do a ritual opening or closing. The officers need to be offered help. Motion passed.

- Motion made to increase the number of tickets in the 50/50 raffle to 10 tickets per book at $20 per book. 2nd by Ray Dunbar. Motion passed.

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GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Meritorious Service Awards:
- Coastal
- East

Central –
Northwest –

- The State Soccer Shoot is October 15 for Area 1

- The Special Olympics will be on November 18 and 19th

The GER visit to Connecticut will be on September 24th.

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- Public recognition of Dignitaries in attendance.

State Officers Present: President Kathi Ackerman, VP Northwest Michael Johnson, Central VP Richard Martyn, Secretary Lisa Morissette, Trustee Chairman Art Brault.

Past State Presidents: Al Baranyai, Peter Freiler, Michael Bonini, James Money

Grand Lodge Dignitaries: DDGER Northwest Justin Fedler, DDGER Coastal Alicia Dunbar.

Past PER Presidents: Al Baranyai, PSP, Robert Ferone PDD, James Money PSP, Michael Johnson SVP, Frand DeFazio PDD, Kathi Ackerman SP, Denise Johnson, PER.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Year)

Opening Balance	$ 14,583.21
Deposits	$ 1,235.00
Withdrawals	$ 1,000.00
Bank Fees	$ 8.00
Closing Balance	$ 14,810.21

MEETING CLOSED at 1:47 pm in the usual manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Ferone Sr., PDD, Secretary