# *REPORT OF MEETING CT. ELKS PER ASSOCIATION*

***Date March 25th, 2024*** ***Lodge Derby 571***

**MEETING OPENED** at 7 **pm**, President **Lysa Molar** presiding

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Vice President Justin Felder, DDGER, Vice President Carolyn Vallee, Sargent at Arms Jim Eccleston, PER and Advisor Mike Bonini, PSP, PDD were absent

**ROLL CALL OF LODGES**: 16 Lodges Present; Total Attendance: 24

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

**INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS:** Melvin Rivera, Sue Buzzeo, Kathy O'Hare, Donna Razza, Dave Robinson

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: N/A**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Scholarship:** Not part of Selection process- CT Elks Assoc Charties

Fundraising: Special Olympics gala still in thought process – possibly in Fall.

M Deegan :Bouy trees, sold for $50- find symbol for Elks and possibly sell at State Convention; meet with Louise Maynard

**Passport booklet:** 470 distributed; 10 completed now; 10+ will be completed by convention. Payments to VP's of district; or by square or to Jamie. Lisa hjas more booklets

**Membership:**

**Education** – under good of order

**Public Relations**: M Deegan: Letter to some of lodges to get ERs to join

**COMMUNICATIONS: N/A**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Meritorious Award during State Convention on May 31st; names to Secretary by May 3rd. Tom/ Ray asking for names from Lodges.

Contest with Lodges to bring in ERs- M.Deegan – went flat. Revisit possibly.

No family day this year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Using square with Dues and other things. m/m Art and 2nd Mary

Art – fees? Very minimal. Motion carried.

Aaron Baldwin PER from New London; PER Association donate directly to Aaron

$100 m/m Melvin Rivera and 2nd John Wilkinson

Ed – this will open up for everyone to ask for donations
Bill- Ed is correct, opening up to something.
John W- take a collection from members.
Martha – was he a PER member? Who is advertising?
Melvin is withdrawing the motion/ John withdrawing the 2nd

Collection at end of meeting from Members - $140 collected

Ambassador pins will be given at State convention on Friday night; Louise will read list , go to back of room. Tell VP if passport is finished.

Allocation of funds to get pins (Don/ Martha)
How many do we have to buy 250 now ($2.50/each) total $625.00; profits of $6/ book
No expense for PERs Association
Art – shouldn't be open ended.
Do not have to pay for die making.
C. Defazio – would like to see the Ambassador Pin, put it on the PER Association page on the website.
Ray – order 350 pins now; worry about more pins next year. @$2.10/ piece. $735.00
Keep ordering passports?
m/m Don to spend $735 (350) and 2nd Martha – passed
m/m additional passports until September Don and 2nd John. – passed
Kathi Ackerman approved to have passports and membership apps at State Convention and josh gray will ask to sell at DD Clinics.
Josh Gray suggested PER Facebook page. Make Meetings event on Facebook page
A.Brault – Ct PER Association info is on CT Elks FB pages and website. Thought website not FB.
B.Russell – embrace the younger age/ social media
M.Deegan – FB event can be a reminder.
Talk to Josh and bring up at May meeting.

Next meeting night: Hamden Lodge : Monday May 6th.

**Installed:** N/A

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

Pete Nelson: Teach new officer's the protocol and be mentors to new officers.
Introduce yourself to new members. Help those coming in and help officers already in place. Strong lodge and community benefits. Have PER mentors as well.
Art Brault – asked which lodges have a strong PER Assoc. Talk to rest of PERs at next meeting; sit in on committee meetings to make sure committees are running correctly.
Drug Awareness – T.Smith sold 836 books. Enrique Camerena Award State/National– RH police Sgt Jeff Foss-Rugan.

3rd Sunday in April – Flag Charge/ Contest, open to PERs.
Death of Deb Angell, Winsted Lodge 844.

M. Rivera – US Coast Guard Pavers for the Museum. Small $1000/ large $1790- bring to lodges (payments by June 24th). Selling Pins for $10. Proceeds to buy the CT Elks Association paver.

- Meritorious Service Awards:
- Coastal
- East
- Central
- Northwest

- Public recognition of Dignitaries in attendance. Those not introduced already:

  State Officers Present: Vice President Rick Martyn, Trustee Chairman Art Brault,PDD

  Past State Presidents: Jim Money

  Grand Lodge Dignitaries: DDGER Coastal Alicia Dunbar, DDGER Tom Smith
  PDD, Cheech Defazio, Pete Nelson, Ray Dunbar, Tony Gorski, Ed Baranyai, Pete Nelson, Jamie Sienna

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Year) No Treasurer's Report**

Opening Balance $14810.21

Deposits $2923.97

Withdrawals

Bank Fees

Closing Balance $15,988.13

**MEETING CLOSED** at 8:18pm in the usual manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sienna., PDD, Secretary