REPORT OF MEETING CT. ELKS PER ASSOCIATION

Date May 6, 2024 Lodge Hamden 2224

MEETING OPENED at 7:09 **pm**, President **Lysa Molar** presiding

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Tom Mathews - Inner Guard & Jim Eccleston Sargent at Arms – Absent

ROLL CALL OF LODGES: 20 Lodges Present; 35 Total Attendance:

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

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS:
Wesley Willard
Susanne Topliff
Frank Ferrari

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:

Reports of Committees:
~Fundraising (Louise Maynard)
Passport Booklets Sales: # distributed__450__. Funds received $3798.
VP's please collect money from your lodges for books sold, and any completed passports so that we have a list of who will receive a pin at State Convention. At the very least, the names need to be given by 5-15. Pins will be attached to the passport and returned to the member.
Pins can be seen at this PER meeting. Pin was presented – purple on outside and 30 stars on outside
Special Olympics Gala Fall 2024 – still in the thought process, Louise to shoot for Fall or Spring 2025.
~Membership (Joshua Gray) –
~Education (Art Brault)- good of the order
~By-laws (Stuart Topliff)- N/A
~Public Relations (Martha Yeager)

Reading of Communications- N/A

Unfinished Business
~$500 PER Association Scholarship –
Summary: CT Applicants who were not awarded Grand Lodge funding are reviewed by the CEAC Scholarship committee and the applicant with the greatest financial need is selected to receive the PER Scholarship.
CEAC then selects other recipient(s) for their scholarship based on CEAC criteria
Full Process: In August, students apply for MVS through Grand Lodge, regardless of Elks membership or affiliation. In April those winners are announced. During the application period, the forms are sent to local lodges to score; based on Grand Lodge algorithms. They go up the

chain to Districts and States. Grand Lodge picks the top ones for their MVS Award and then it goes back down the chain.

~Meritorious Service Award - All VP's are to pick a member from their District that has gone above and beyond for Elkdom. Name is due to the Secretary by _5/24__ for presentation at the May 31 st Awards night.

~Square payments – how are they working? Requested Josh set up another QR for Dues. That idea was well received at the DD clinic 4-28-24
PER polo Shirts – Inventory of Shirts , Talk with Peter/Josh.

~ Discussion on Annual Charitable Contribution for 2023 and new for 2024.
Motion was made to send donation to Jordan Porco but no amount.
m/m for $750 Mike /second Turner
Discussion J. Wilkinson – is charity a 501 C(3)

Donation for current 2024 – m/m John/second Turner – Table until next meeting September.

~ Ambassador pins will be given at the State Convention on Friday night. Reading a list and gather at back of room for pin presentation and photos. Please get the passports and names to Louise

~ Membership Drive and Passport sales : Kathy Ackerman has approved it at Convention.
Need Volunteers and schedule : report to Carolyn Vallee to schedule volunteers.

~ PER Facebook Page discussed – need more info on the mechanics of who would be in charge and what safeguards there are in place. Is there enough events to warrant another FB page?
Suzzane – events page on the FB page. Josh click "going" and it shows up on your page to your friends.

New Business
~ Installation still due for Jim Eccleston Sargent @ Arms- N/A

~Entertain motions for warrants for $500 PER CEA Scholarship to be presented at State Convention, $500 donation Major Projects in May, $100 to ENF for incoming GER in September
m/m Josh second Joanne – passed
m/m $500 Joanne second _____ - passed
m/m for $100 Joanne second Louise – passed ; Ed – we can afford more than that - $500- Joanne amended her motion to raise donation to $500

Print Additional Passports: Cover our expenses; New Pin next year? We don't want to lose enthusiasm. Get more passports (Josh) – 200 additional passports. The cost does not change based on # of passports ordered.
Glastonbury Elks # is wrong – can it be corrected? Wethersfield/ Rocky Hill is not spelled correctly.
J.Money - Maybe alter pin – "2nd year".
m/m Louise second Stuart - passed

Good of the Association
Art – make sure Lodge Hours are correct.

~ Contacts and resources to move forward to a State or Grand Lodge position presented by
Peter Nelson, PDD, Manchester 1893 and; Art Brault, PDD, Willimantic 1311
Pete – get yourself appointed as District or State Chair for a Committee, get your name out there and let the VP of your District see you in action. Remind the VP that you are still interested in moving up.
Rick : demonstrate leadership along your path. GER Award shows that. Talk to district VP. Demonstrate that you can do a good job.
Carolyn: Committee Chair to move on the to the State? Has to be a PER state officer. Want to move forward have to be a PER. You need to be a PER to move forward. Aspirations to move forward – let VP know.

(Dignitary Introductions by Secretary)- Grand Lodge Officers, PDD, State Officers and PSPs were all introduced.

~Tip of the Antlers to all who participated in the Flag, Toast and Ritual contests. Congratulation to the winners: Mike Barta, Danielson_____. Next year Enfield Lodge – 3rd or 4th week in April. Practice in October for Ritual Judge.

Recognize Hamden Lodge for tonights work. – Thank you!
Peter/Mike – Friday Night Awards Dinner- awards presenters, area up front. No pictures up front. some lodges are not represented in room count.

Next Meeting Date /Location: Annual Meeting in September, installation of 2024-2025 Officers.
Location determined by__Ray, Branford Lodge 1939 for Flag Service_
3rd Sunday 9/15/24; noon for lunch

Treasurer's Report:
Opening balance: $ 15988.13
Deposit : $1740.25
Fee: $3
Closing: $17725.38

Closing @8:20 pm
Closing Prayer – Rich Poole

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Sienna., PDD, Secretary