

Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center of Colorado, Inc
House of Delegates Meeting
January 21, 2017

Call to order: Terry Hudson, Chairperson, at 10:11 am.

Invocation: Herb Carr

Welcome and Introductions:

Terry Hudson welcomed everyone, and thanked all for attending.

Present: Terry Hudson, Chairperson; Ashley Buss, Vice-Chairperson; Elizabeth Spangler, Treasurer; Lesle Thomas Secretary; Karen Karns; Herb Carr; Carrie Andrea; Larry Lillo, Executive Director; Pati Sawyer-Boex and Teressa Hudson, recording secretary.

Absent: Gary Malara; Michael Moore+

Delegates: Phyllis Everitt, Colorado #2; Steven Everitt, Corinthian #35; Doris Schrup, Excelsior #66; Nancy Frieburg, Unity #97 & Hope #122; Kathy Easterday, South Gate #104; Judy Morrison, Areme #124 & Mt Zion #133; Malissa Finell, Dawn #125; Betty Leck, Loyalty #145; C.T. Elliott, Fountain Valley #155; Jan Blankenship, Metro #157; Bea Varney, Resident/Guest; James Earshaw, Resident/Guest; Margaret Elliott, Guest

Approval of Agenda: Approved as written

Approval of the June 18, 2016 House of Delegates minutes: Motion to approve the minutes as printed by Kathy Easterday, seconded by Doris Schrup, motion passed.

Question: If a delegate represents more than one chapter or lodge, does he/she get a vote (at the annual meeting) for each chapter/lodge?

Answer: Yes, as long as he/she is the elected delegate for that chapter or lodge.

Ridgeline Management Report: Larry Lillo, Executive Director and Pati Sawyer-Boex

Larry and Deb Kirsten reported that we have a wait list for the Village. We have lost several residents recently, but we have an average of 150-154 residents here. The Memory Care Unit is full as of tomorrow. There is a new Memory Care brochure out and we are working on a new brochure for the ESMRC.

Pati Sawyer-Boex reviewed recent activities.

Residents were able to attend the Stock Show for free thanks to a grant we received.

Marie Daly, member of Unity #97, turned 103 this month. She is quite active around here. Chris Parente from Fox 31 mentioned her birthday on the morning show. There is a video on Facebook showing this and it has received over 1200 views. We had a birthday party for all those residents age 90+.

A very successful Bonfils Blood Drive was held.

We participated for the first time in the Colorado Gives Day and received almost \$4,000.00 in donations. Anyone can still give by clicking on the link on our website.

Elitch Gardens passes and/or day tickets can be purchased through a link on our website. We will make \$5.00 per pass and \$3.00 per day ticket purchased through this link.

The ESMRC is now on Amazon Smile. A percentage of your purchase at Amazon will be donated to the ESMRC when you purchase through Amazon Smile and have selected ESMRC as your charity.

Dawn Chapter gave handmade scarves to each of the residents. They were a big hit.

There will be a Shred-A-Thon here on May 6, 2017. We are already booked for a day in 2018.

There will be a AAA Senior Driving Class on March 14.

The Golf Tournament will be on Friday, June 16, 2017. Gentry is once again the main sponsor. We already have four hole sponsors signed up.

The 5th Annual Comedy Night will be held again this year, we are still working on a date. Gentry/John Swift has pledged to cover the cost for all Residents who want to go. The Adopt-A-Resident program is going well.

Please remember to sign up to hold a Chapter or Lodge meeting here one night.

The Masonic Appreciation Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2017 here at the ESMRC. It starts at 6:00pm and we will be serving cocktails, appetizers and dinner.

Thanks to everyone who donated Depends to our residents. No one will go uncovered, we got so many donations and we do not need anymore Depends at this time. We can always use tissues and full size toiletries (Please no small, sample or hotel/travel sizes – these are too small for the residents to use comfortably).

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Elizabeth Spangler

Our annual audit was recently completed and we are financially very healthy. Per the audit recommendation we have restructured our investment accounts.

Planning Committee: Herb Carr

T-Mobile has offered to put a cell tower on the roof of the Mary Barry Building. They will pay us \$1,500.00 a month with a payment escalation clause to increase payment every year. The tower will be behind a façade that will look like the building so we don't see any antennas. T-Mobile provides insurance for any damage (from wind, hail, etc.) to it. If T-Mobile is sold our contract will transfer. The contract has been approved by the Board pending approval by our attorney.

Question: Will lightening be a problem?

Answer: No, they have that covered.

Education Committee: Lesle Thomas

The job description for Board Members was approved.

We are working on a Board Effectiveness Self-Evaluation.

If Delegates have any suggestions for our Educational Programs, please let Lesle or Larry know.

New Business:

Louise Bates has resigned from Ridgeline. There is a new Regional Director, John Ray. John was unable to attend today's meeting due to prior commitments, but will be attending a future meeting.

Question: What are the starting rents?

Answer: Robert Russell Building - \$2,950.00 for the small studio.

Mary Barry Building - \$3,450.00 for the small studio.

Question: Why doesn't Medicare or Medicaid cover the cost of Depends for residents?

Answer: They will, but only with a Dr's prescription.

Gap Fund is available to help a Masonic Family Member transition from private pay to Medicaid. We have expanded this fund if a OES Member or Mason, in good standing, has a shortfall in paying their rent. The fund will make up the difference up to the Medicaid rate. We currently have \$177,000.00 in the fund. The fund is set up to not go below \$150,000.00

Question: Could we have an Education Program on what Medicaid is and how it works?

Answer: Medicaid is going to be undergoing a lot of changes in the next 6 months, so for now that is probably not a feasible program.

The next House of Delegates meeting will be on March 18, 2017 at 10:00am here in the Fraternal Meeting Room.

Meeting closed at 10:56am.

Education Program:

“Alzheimer Care at ESMRC” was presented by Kazoua Lee, Memory Care Coordinator

We are affiliated with the Alzheimer Association. We are designated Leaders in Dementia Care. We offer quarterly education seminars.

Kazoua presented a very informative talk on Alzheimers. She discussed the different types of dementia, which are many and new ones are being discovered all the time. She discussed the signs of dementia and Alzheimers. She talked about the different stages an Alzheimer patient will go through and how the patient can and cannot be helped at each stage.

Kazoua’s presentation was greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Hudson, Recording Secretary