

Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center of Colorado, Inc
House of Delegates Meeting
June 16, 2018

Call to order: Ashley Buss, Chairperson at 10:09 am.

Invocation: Steve Everitt

Welcome and Introductions:

Ashley Buss welcomed everyone, and thanked all for attending.

Present: Ashley Buss, Chairperson, Terry Hudson, Vice-Chairperson; Kathy Easterday, Jim Jarvis, Larry Lillo, Executive Director; Pati Sawyer-Boex, Fraternal Relations, Karen Collins, Life Enrichment Director, ESMRC and Teressa Hudson, recording secretary.

Absent: Gary Malara; Carrie Andree, Secretary; Michael Moore, Steve Schroeder

Delegates: Phyllis Everitt, Colorado #2; Steven Everitt, Corinthian #35; Liz Woodman, Pueblo #7; Gloria Pool, SVV, Manzanita #85; Bette Leck, Loyalty #145; Janet Blankenship, Metro #157; Jim Earhart, Englewood #166

Approval of Agenda: Kathy Easterday moved approval of the agenda as written, seconded by Phyllis Everitt, motion approved.

Approval of the March 17, 2018 House of Delegates minutes: Phyllis Everitt moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Janet Blankenship, motion approved.

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

Pati gave her report which included:

\$20,000.00 was donated to the Gap Fund. A picture of the check presentation was on the cover of the latest Spotlight.

We had a very nice time at the Masonic Appreciation Night and NO BLIZZARD! Buzz and Pat Coover received their 50-year pins from Loyalty Chapter here and Loyalty then had their meeting here.

The Blood Drive was done from noon to 6:00pm in April, however, we feel we can get more people here in the morning so we will go back to morning hours in October.

Littleton Assembly \$5, Rainbow for Girls raised \$1400.00 in two hours at their Shred-A-Thon.

June 29 will be the “4th of July” picnic for residents and their families. You are welcome to attend, but please RSVP. The picnic starts at 11:30am.

The Fraternal Picnic and Car Show is on Saturday, August 18 11:00am until 2:00pm. The Boy Scouts are coming. Pati has put out a call for Masonic Youth to attend.

If you are on Facebook, please like us and like and share the items we post. This keeps them active. We are trying to beef up our social media presence. Go to Yelp, Google, etc. and give us a 5-star review, if you feel we merit that. If you don't think we deserve 5 stars, please contact Larry and let him know what you feel we need to improve. The more positive reviews we have, the higher we come up on Searches. Pati will have a \$50 gift card drawing for those submitting reviews.

The Colorado OES Incoming Worthy Grand Matron has decided not to do a Christmas Party for the residents this December. After a long tradition of these dinners she has decided she wants to do something elsewhere.

The Masonic Youth is on board to do a Christmas Party for the residents on Saturday, December 08. We are hoping for all members of the Masonic Family to come for a Christmas Celebration.

The Golf Tournament was yesterday, and we had 158 golfers this year. This is Park Hill's biggest golf tournament. We did have fewer hole sponsors this year, however, we did have a new sponsor of a Tiki Bar. This raised \$1,000.00 and we get to keep the bar and the umbrella. At last count we had raised \$14,392.00 and we are still counting!

If you shop on Amazon, please sign up for Amazon Smile and choose the ESMRC as your charity. We will receive a donation for every purchase you make.

Comedy Night will be in August 01, 2018. This is our 6th year. Last year we made \$6,400.00. Please sell more tickets!!!

Larry reported that we had an OK month in May with 148-149 residents. We have had a turnover of residents passing away or going to skilled care. We have had nine deaths this quarter. We do not have a problem with residents leaving to move to a similar facility. We lose them to death or to skilled nursing. The average stay for a resident here is eight years.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Ashley Buss

We have approximately \$800,000.00 in our operating accounts and approximately \$10 million in our investment portfolio.

We are currently in the budget process. We are being conservative. We are budgeting for 90% occupancy instead of the 95% we have had in the past. We have a variance in the budget of approximately \$90,000.00

Planning Committee: Kathy Easterday

The committee is investigating our options as to what we should do with the Old Building and new development.

Education Committee: No report

New Business:

Our Treasurer, Elizabeth Spangler had resigned for personal reason. The Board has decided to leave this position vacant until the Annual Meeting in October. This makes an even number now on the Board, so Chairperson Ashley Buss recuses himself from voting so there cannot be a tie vote.

The Annual Meeting will now be the third Saturday in October.

Unfinished Business:

We will have three positions open on the Board for election in October. There are applications available on the ESRMC website or you can get them from Jim Jarvis. There will be a background check done on each applicant. There are responsibilities involved in being a Board Member. If you or someone you know are interested, get your application. If you have questions about the duties of a Trustee, please contact a Board member for more information.

Communications/Announcements: none

Educational Program:

Ms. Karen Collins, Life Enrichment Director, ESMRC

Karen has been with the Center for four years.

We have a comprehensive activity program throughout the year and it does change with the seasons.

Every day starts with the Sit and Be Fit Program. We do seated yoga, Jazzercise, Tai Chi and exercise with weights. We meet in the Chapel/Multi-Purpose room. This also involves many of the residents from the Village.

We have an Arts & Crafts program and work in many different mediums. We have an Art Show for one week once a year. We display the art done by the residents all year. This year's show was in April. We may go to a show twice a year because it has gotten so big.

We do Music Therapy once a week in Memory Care.

Assisted Living has a Happy Hour once a week with entertainment.

Karen told us about some of the activities available to the residents:

Great Courses, watching Bronco games, movies in the theater, lunch outings (twice a month), baking, ice cream socials, trivia, shopping trips, word games, sing a longs, entertainment, religious services, critter racing (NO live critters!), planting flowers,

walking groups, gardening in the raised beds in AL and Memory Care, trips to Arapaho Park Horse Track (once a month in June, July and August), trips to a casino, picnics at various parks (Bible Park is a frequent choice). We like to do anything that gets the residents outside.

We did an AL and Memory Care combined trip to the Aquarium and then ate lunch there. This was so popular that some families volunteered to drive some of the residents there because the buses were full.

We have Therapy Animal, we have had dogs, a pig and a horse!

We do a trip to the Denver Botanical Gardens which has a sensory garden for seniors.

The residents always look forward to the Fraternal Family Picnic and Car Show in August. They especially enjoy the car show.

For Comedy Night on August 01, we have two full buses.

Hawk Quest came in with an owl, a hawk, a falcon and an eagle. The room was packed.

The Reptile Man comes in with a tortoise, a 16-ft. Python, a scorpion, a tarantula and other snakes.

If you know of any fun events or activities the residents would enjoy, please contact Karen.

Larry reported that we just had a State Inspection and did very well. They talked to residents and staff members and commented on how happy everyone is.

See you August 18 at the Fraternal Family Picnic.

The next Delegates Meeting will be the Annual Meeting in October.

Meeting closed at 11:03 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Teressa Hudson, Recording Secretary