

TSINTZINA SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
CELORON, NY
JULY 24, 2009 4:15 P.M.

Present: John Zacharias, Peter Nickles, Gene Geracimos, Tom Costas, Pauline Costianes, George Sfikas, Peter Sfikas, D'Louisa Ford, Jim Burlotus, Doc Zervos, Socrates Zacharias, Alex Burlotus, Stephanie Schlick

Not Present: Peter Laskaris

- I. Minutes of the 5/17/09 meeting were read. Corrections re the smoking policy were entered. Gene moved to approve the amended minutes. George Sfikas seconded. The motion was recorded and carried.

- II. TREASURER'S REPORT (YEAR-TO-DATE)

John reviewed the numbers from the prior day's meeting. The society should be able to finish the year without dipping into the endowment fund. Donation from the Ladies' Auxiliary will go to the Endowment Fund. The society will be okay if the fund-raisers go as expected.

Discussion: The board discussed how to present our financial status to the membership. We have ebbs and flows of income because of membership attrition or extra contributions. The endowment fund has become a rainy-day/reserve fund, not the untouched money fund it was meant to be. George Sfikas framed the removals of money from the endowment fund as a loan the society made to itself and needs to pay back. Peter B. strongly felt that in yesterday's meeting we should not have the board meeting after the talent show but after the general assembly as usual. Stephanie moved and George seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Several members suggested the President urge people to attend the general assembly meeting as we have several very important issues that requires their attendance and input. George moved, Gene seconded, and the motion carried.

John noted that Jim Burlotos had expressed interest in becoming Treasurer. John will spend the next year preparing Jim for the position. The question was raised regarding the hading off of monies that come from the bar, bingo, and cocktail hour. All monies should go to John or Jim in John's absence.

- I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Food

D'Louisa reported that the kitchen operations were under control. Justin Ford is helping along with other volunteers. Tom commended D'Louisa for helping operations run smoothly in view of Lee's sudden absence.

- B. Youth

Peter Sfikas said Socrates Zacharias and Athan Laskaris are stepping down as youth directors. Nick Laskaris and Kathryn Slezak are replacing them.

- C. Talent Show

The talent show will be held, and Pauline Costianes will be the emcee. Children who want to perform will sign up. Prizes will be \$5 per child.

D. Poker Tournament

Peter Sfikas is ready and will put up signage.

E. Building

Grounds and driveway look great. Stephanie asked Gene for a punchlist of repairs and deferred maintenance to present for possible fundraising activities. Since 2001 to present the building has undergone many repairs. Gene reported the kitchen wiring and pipes were mostly replaced or remodeled. Roger repainted the main hall and Jim asked if there is a list for Roger's tasks as caretaker. Gene said there would be three lists by September 1. All physical plant improvements have been taken in the past decade; therefore, barring any calamity, the society will be fine financially.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. The Investment Roundtable was held today. Tom said he was bullish about the investments he reported on last year. He mentioned especially Ariad Pharmaceuticals but cautioned that it was a high-risk investment.

B. Drinking Policy

There was a spirited discussion in the Poolos Hall last night regarding the drinking policy. Several board members disputed the drinking policy adopted in May 2008 by the board, which stated that no one under age 21 would be served alcohol at the clubhouse. Peter Nickles suggested we take the policy to the general assembly. Pauline said that the policy had been accepted, was posted last year, and there was no need for the general assembly to vote on it. Lengthy discussion ensued as to the tone of the debate last night. George Sfikas said that the board is supposed to promote the stability of the organization and its future. Pauline noted that the society is bound to operate by the law. Gene said that he feels the board's responsibilities are threefold: promote a positive environment so that people return every year; provide financial soundness for the society; and act as a conduit for the general assembly's wishes. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Pauline moved and Jim seconded that we reaffirm the May 8th drinking policy. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Smoking Policy

A long discussion followed regarding the smoking laws of New York state and their applicability to the society and its property. Emotions ran high on both sides. The conclusion was the President will announce at both evening dinners and at the general assembly that the society ask people as a courtesy to refrain from smoking in the building and the front porch entrance and for their consideration for others.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Costianes, Recording Secretary
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