



Algoma District Masonic Association February Meeting Minutes

Date:	Feb 7, 2017	Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Shuniah Lodge 270 Red River Road Thunder Bay		
President:	Les Swan	Secretary:	Bob Willett
Officers:	Les Swan(P), Bob Swan(VP), Bob Willett (S), Bill Deadman Treasurer		
Attendees:	B Deadman, R Manz, Les Swan, Neil Lundberg, Jason Nesbitt, Real Deschatelets, Scotty Henriksson, James Horbow, Al Smith, R Willett, Les Sawn, Tim King.		

<p>1. Call to Order 7:00pm Les Swan Chairing</p> <p>2. Introductions: None</p> <p>3. Review and adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes. Minutes read and adopted. Motion to adopt Jason Nesbitt, seconded Bill Deadman</p> <p>4. Committee Report(s):</p> <p>a) Treasurers Report - Reported by Worshipful Brother Bill Deadman that as of Feb 7, 2017 the bank balance is \$429.39. . The DDGM Right Worshipful Brother Neil Lundburg noted that he had one outstanding bill of \$167.00 regarding the Grand Master's reception. It was approved that the bill be paid out of the ADMA funds.</p> <p>5. Sick & Visiting: None Noted</p> <p>6. Old Business: a) The bylaws are being changed to have election of officers moved to May of each year so that the new officers are reflected in the incoming DDGM's Trestle Board. At the next meeting in March there will be a notice of motion presented to accept the changes to the ADMA bylaws. The vote will take place at the April ADMA meeting. b) An attempt to have Skype meetings with our out-of-town lodges has gone by the wayside.</p> <p>7. New Business: a) There was a discussion regarding the DDGM levy. It was felt that the levy of \$5.00 per Masonic member was not self sustaining given the expenses being encountered by the DDGM (i.e. Grand Lodge and Grand Master's Reception). As a result of the discussion, the DDGM levy will be increased for the second installment (April) this year and the levy will remain for 2017/18 and possibly 2018/2019 to again cover the Grand Master's Reception. Spending must continue to be discretionary. Secretary James Horbow and DDGM</p>

Neil Lundberg found that our past DDGM Dan Moore's records were in good shape. All the records will be forwarded to the new DDGM when elected.

b) It was recommended that the election of officers be moved from October to June to align with the DDGM Trestle Board. Moved by Les Swan and Seconded by Tom Appelt. Carried.

c) No updates available regarding the Dease Street Temple.

8. Comments from Grand Lodge:

a) A Grand Master's reception will be held on May 26 to 28, 2017. The web site is WWW.northwestmasons.com. Location is Kenora. There may be an accommodation problem (Kenora Comfort Inn) as the Rotarians are in Kenora on the same week-end. Assistance will be needed to find accommodation. Ted Habermehl (thabermehl@hotmail.com) may be able to help. A DDGM orientation seminar may be presented at the meeting along with several other sessions.

b) Activities regarding the 300th Anniversary of Free Masonry 2017 will be distributed soon through the DDGM's office to the Brethren of the District.

c) The Grand Lodge website has gone through major upgrades and it is hoped the brethren find it more user friendly..

d) A new Book of the Work 2017 is now available for lodge secretaries to order through Grand Lodge..

e) At Grand Lodge Communications in July, as per the Constitution, Section 303(e) the brethren from Algoma District can have a proxy vote for a maximum of three (3) lodges in Algoma District so proper planning must be done ahead of time to spread the proxy vote among the delegates attending and ensuring every Lodge in Algoma District is represented and voting.

a) **Comments by ADMA President Les Swan:** Les has been attending the Installations around the district and has found that several lodges were impressive, several were good but that several lodges could use help from time to time. The Mandate of the association is to promote good work but the lodges need to ask for assistance and it will be provided.

Call for Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn: 7:35pm

Next Regular Meeting March 8, 2017	Time: 7:00pm	Location: Dease Street Temple, Thunder Bay DDGM Official Visit- Ft William Lodge
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