



Algoma District Masonic Association February Meeting Minutes

Date:	March 8, 2017	Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Fort William Lodge Dease Street Thunder Bay		
President:	Les Swan	Secretary:	Bob Willett
Officers:	Les Swan(P), Bob Swan(VP), Bob Willett (S), Bill Deadman Treasurer		
Attendees:	Les Swan, Neil Lundberg, Al Smith, R Willett, Bob Swan, James Tocker, Richard Bauch, Bob Willett.		

<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 of Feb 7, 2017 read. Motion to adopt by Les Swan and seconded by Bob Swan Carried;</p> <p>4. Committee Report(s):</p> <p>a) Treasurers Report - As of March 8, 2017 bank balance is \$362.39. .</p> <p>5. Sick & Visiting: Brad McDonnell and Tom Pelletier had heart surgery. Dan Tudorachi is doing okay and Bill Towill is moving into a home.</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. ACTION: The revised bylaws were read out. A motion to accept the bylaws as amended was made. The new Bylaws will be voted on at the May Meeting. A copy of the amended bylaws is attached.</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 Neil Lundberg found that our past DDGM Dan Moore's records were in good shape. All the</p>
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records will be forwarded to the new DDGM when elected. **ACTION: Right Worshipful Neil Lundberg will send a letter to all the lodges requesting the April DDGM levy which will be \$6.00 per member.**

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. **ACTION: The nomination of ADMA officers will take place in April with the election held in June 2017.**

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 will not take place. **NOTE: the Western District Saturday Sessions on May 27, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Kenora Masonic Temple on 413 2nd Street South will include: a) B2B 5 steps of application b) Condition of Masonry and c) Cornerstone.**
- 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) 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. **ACTION: Make sure we know who is going so all lodges covered.**

Call for Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn: 7:40pm Moved by Neil Lundberg and seconded by Al Smith.

Next Regular Meeting April 18, 2017	Time: 7:00pm	Location: Dease Street Temple, Thunder Bay DDGM Official Visit- Kaministiquia Lodge #584
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