

AHEPA DISTRICT 16
LODGE MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2006
COMMUNITY CENTER
SHREVEPORT, LA

Members in Attendance: John Georgiandis, Pete Kaldis, Dr. Steve Kirkikis, John Sempeles, Nick Dixie, Sam Booras, Alex Booras, Shreveport President Philip Lahaye

Meeting called to order by District Governor John Georgiandis at 1:17 PM.

Secretary Report:

Previous lodge meeting minutes disseminated. Minutes approved as read.

No correspondence.

Treasurers Report:

General Fund (through Jan. 20th) attached.

Scholarship Report attached.

The deadline for the application for 2006-2007 scholarship is June 1, 2006. A question was raised about the funding for the vocational school scholarship. There are not enough funds currently. A motion was made to accept the General Fund by Dr. Kirkikis. John Sempeles seconds. Motion passes.

Raffle:

Lt Governor Pete Kaldis gives the report. Raffle tickets have been printed (175). They will be distributed. There was a check donated from Jim Petheriotes for \$100 in memory of Pete Pappas.

District Convention Album:

Brother Kaldis hands out the 75th AHEPA district convention 2006 album packet (see attached). The program will raise money for both the district and the chapters (40% for the district, 60% for the chapters). All ad money and applications will be sent to Pete Kaldis. The deadline is April 21st. The 60-40% cut will make this a good fundraiser for individual chapters. Pete mentions he received dispensation from the Supreme Lodge for holding two offices (Chapter President and District Lt. Governor) during Supreme Lodge meeting in Tarpin Springs, FL. This issue has also been resolved in the Houston Chapter. No more derogatory comments will be made towards Pete Kaldis.

Report on Memberships:

Given by District Governor Georgiandis. Prior to December 31st there were 420 district members. There are 521 members as of January 6th.

Congressional Banquet:

Given by Pete Kaldis. Nick Karacostas on the Supreme Lodge Board of Trustees is Chairman on the Congressional Banquet. He has sent the district a letter.

On March 11th, the Supreme Lodge meeting will be held with a Capital Hill tour from Friday through Sunday. The event will honor Senator Sarbanes and Representative Bilirakis. The cost is \$150 per person and \$120/person for a 10 person table. If we get 100 tables, it is \$100/person. We now have 30 attendees.

Report on Katrina:

National gave 52 \$750 checks to the New Orleans citizens. National gave over \$60,000 in total. Barabar Wolf, Nick Mastoukas, and Father Anthony gathered the names. All monies went to them.

District Convention:

Given by District Governor. \$195 has been deposited and 10 reservations made for the cruise. Homeric Tours required \$30 per person by October 13th. Jim Petherites and Anthony Kouzounis made a \$3600 donation (120 people worth) to hold seats. The travel company will reimburse this deposit. We still need \$195 per person by Feb. 15th.

Individuals need to call and reserve spots. The prices are approximately \$695 total for an outside cabin and \$644 for an inside cabin. John Georgiafandis wants to keep the meetings streamlined (First meeting will be for reports and second meeting will be for resolutions and elections). Nick Dixie asks that the Chapter reports be mailed in early (send it in without reading in meetings). John agrees that we need to take care of this before the cruise.

John Georgiafandis asks if we can have some kind of registration even if there is no registration fee. Nick asks if we can just use the boat manifest to track members. The album would be distributed during the meeting. We may use an attendance sheet. Nick Dixie thinks we should still collect \$20/ member when we get on the boat. Pete Kaldis agrees. He says we should make this fee for meeting purposes.

We still need a backup plan if the cruise doesn't happen. We will consider Dallas hosting a Friday night and Saturday night event in the event the cruise is cancelled.

Family Excursion:

Given by Lt. Governor. There is an invitation to Easter with the Patriarch in Cypress Greece from April 17-24th. The trip is available for \$2250.

Good of Order:

Compliments to the current Lodge from the District Governor.

Dr. Steve Kirkikis motions to adjourn the meeting. Pete Kaldis seconds. The motion passes.