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MINUTES

Saturday 12 September 2020

10 am Pacific – 11 am Mountain – 12 pm Central – 1 pm Eastern
A Virtual Gathering via Zoom technology

A] Welcome and Regrets

President Brian Rountree welcomed the group to the MLMA Zoom meeting.

Regrets were received from: Adam Kendall, Karen Kidd, M. Ealy, Val Korszniak

The Attendance list is after the Minutes.

Special welcome was extended to M. W. Bro. David Cameron, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Their library in Hamilton is one of our institutional members.

B] Approve the Minutes of the meeting of 21 September 2019

MOTION: Tom Hauder

SECOND: Maureen Harper

That the minutes be approved.

Carried

a) Business arising from the Minutes [not covered in the reports online]

NONE

C) Our Reports for 2020

a) Secretary's report – Cathy Giaimo

b) Treasurer's report – Eric Trosdahl [to come later]

c) Vice President's Report – Tyler Vanice

d) President's Report – Brian Rountree

e) Europe -- Helge Horrisland

f) Marketing – Tom Hauder

Motion to accept the reports. Mover = Tom Hauder
Secunder = Neil Morse

QUESTIONS / DISCUSSIONS Arising form the Reports

Tom gave some stats about the marketing projects he has undertaken. The response rates were excellent. He also credited Tyler with the updated MLMA website.

Brian noted the article on MLMA written by Tyler Vanice in the *Philalethes* magazine [vol. 73, no.2, 2020].

Neil Morse volunteered to promote MLMA in Australia and elsewhere in the Southern Hemisphere.

D] New Business

a) 2021 meeting

Dirk Hughes agreed to be the host [we'll try again, assuming no continuing fallout from this year's COVID-19 pandemic].

The dates and hotel information will be forwarded to the members as they become available.

b) 2022 meeting

Please consider checking with your managing board/Grand Lodge about the possibility of being a host library.

c) Member news

- 1] Regarding the 2020 MLMA conference, I wanted to report that the planned 2020 Masonic Events that I had intended on taking the MLMA Membership Showcase to (MasonicCon (Mass), MasonicCon (TX), Chicago Masonic Convention, AMK (Spring), AMK (Fall) & MRF Annual Symposium, were all cancelled due to COVID-19. \$200 remains on account for future events hopefully in 2021. I still have a good supply of the "old" pamphlets, unless there is interest in updating them.

Respectfully Submitted,
Val Korszniak
Showcase Custodian

- 2] Notes from the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library covering both the library and museum were placed on our website.

- 3] We heard about the relaunch of <http://nebraskamasoniceducation.com/>.

- 4] A chat note from Jeff Alexander —
Hi Brian, both Mt Holly Lodge No.14 in NJ and the Grand Lodge of NJ Library are being embraced by the www.librarything.com I have 300 volumes registered in Mt Holly and about 100 York Rite Freemasonry registered for the NJ Grand Lodge. <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/MHLodge14>

- 5] Alexander Vastola mentioned he is the new Director of the library at the Grand Lodge of New York. He talked about their participation in the Grand Lodge Reading Program. He said they are adding a new ebook platform for the use of their patrons.
<https://nymasoniclibrary.org/reading-course/>
- 6] Neil Morse asked a general question about how to catalog non-book materials for a small archive. That will be an excellent question for him to post to the email group.
- 7] The George Washington National Masonic Memorial developed virtual tours for their site during the shutdown.
https://gwmemorial.org/pages/virtual-tour?_pos=1&_sid=f891ba59a&_ss=r
- 8] Dirk Hughes mentioned that the Michigan Masonic Library & Museum also is developing a virtual tour that should be completed by 2021. He said they will also be hosting the Fetzer library at www.fetzerlibrary3.com. John E. Fetzer was an influential Michigan businessman involved in broadcasting, baseball and other ventures.
- 9] Bruce Yelen mentioned that their Boulder Lodge library catalog is online at <https://library.bouldermasons.org/> The library uses Koha as its base and provides a regular and MARC view of the record.
- 10] Glenn Visscher, who's building is also closed to the public, has been cataloguing, preparing new exhibits, and a display for the George Washington National Masonic memorial for the month that they highlighted the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Several other members expressed their appreciation at being able to attend this virtual meeting.

d) Reminder about dues – can now use PayPal on our website

E] Marshall Kern presentation “The Master’s Emblem Explained for Masons”

Marshall shared a powerpoint presentation on how the emblem came to be on the Worshipful Master apron in those jurisdictions that follow the English style of Masonic aprons. The emblem is that which is found in the 12th problem of the First Book of Euclid.

See Marshall's website at <http://masterseblem.com/>

See also <https://mathcs.clarku.edu/~djoyce/java/elements/bookI/propI12.html>

F] Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: Tom Hauder

Second by: [unknown, but the word *second* was heard]

That we adjourn at 1:22 p.m. CST

04:22 a.m. Australia [on Sept. 13]

Motion passed.

ATTENDANCE

INSTITUTION	MEMBER
Grand Lodge of Manitoba	Brian Rountree, President
George Washington Mational Masonic Memorial	Tyler Vanice, Vice-president
Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania	Cathy Giaimo, Secretary Mike Comfort
St. Paul's Lodge #4, Minnesota	Eric Trosdahl, Treasurer
Mount Holly Lodge #14, New Jersey	Jeff Alexander
Grand Lodge of Virginia: Allen E. Roberts Masonic Library and Museum	Marie Barnett
A.C. Treichler Lodge #682, Elizabethtown, PA	John Beiseigel
Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario	David Cameron, M.W. Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Library	John Carter Wade Massey Kenny Sivard
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Inc.	Maureen Harper
Nebraska Masonic Foundation Museum and Research Library	Tom Hauder
Michigan Masonic Library and Museum	Dirk Hughes
Sarnia District Masonic Library	Marshall Kern
Covington Scottish Rite Masonic Library + Museum Association	Bill Lorenz
Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library Grand Lodge of New York	Alexander Vastola
Library + Museum of Masonic Culture Grand Lodge of New Jersey	Glenn Visscher
Boulder Lodge No. 14, A.F.& A.M.	Bruce Yelen
	Anna Cole
	Patrick Corcoran
	Dr. Donald Ford
	Robert Kliaman
	Mark Megee
	Neil Wynes Morse