

Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center of Colorado, Inc
House of Delegates Meeting
March 18, 2023

Call to order: Terry Hudson, Chairperson, at 10:00 a.m.

Invocation: Larry Tygart

Welcome and Introductions:

Terry welcomed all in attendance and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Board Members Present: Terry Hudson, Chairperson, Steve Davis, Vice Chairperson; Kathy Easterday, Treasurer; Dick Surroz, Secretary, Bart Wegner, Jamie Vaughn, Ashley Buss, Larry Tygart, Sue Schultz, Assoc. Member

Absent Board Members: Steve Schroeder, Mike Tims, Assoc. Member

Delegates in Person: Phyllis Everitt, Steve Everitt, and Lynn Brown Jones. New delegates pending formal notification Joe Johnson and John Boek.

Delegates via Zoom: Kathy Ashwood, Lyric McKnight and Mark Short

Staff in Attendance: Larry Lillo, Executive Director; Patti Hayford, Controller; Pati Sawyer Boex, Fraternal Relations Director

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved as presented.

Approval of December 17th, 2022, House of Delegates minutes: Minutes approved as presented.

ESMRC Quarterly General Operations Report Summary: Larry Lillo, and Pati Sawyer-Boex.

Larry Lillo

Larry indicated that February was another status quo month, we had 3 move-ins and 5 move-outs; one death, three residents went to skilled care settings and 1 relocated. Larry let the group know that the Federal and State funding for COVID Testing will come to an end as of May 8th, 2023. At that point we will no longer send out our PCR COVID samples to the contracted lab for the State. We will continue to receive the point of care COVID tests from the State until they have cleared out their inventory. At that point we will no longer do any regular breakout testing when we have COVID cases occur. We will try to get an order from their doctor for the initial COVID testing of the resident and have their health insurance provider pay for the testing when possible. We will continue to isolate and treat any cases using the State COVID infection protocols as required, along with their reporting requirements. All of the current COVID infection requirements are in the process of being added to the State Regulations (Chapter 2) for implementation by all licensed facilities for the State of Colorado.

Pati Sawyer-Boex

The residents had a great Christmas, with Cookies, chocolates, tissues and Christmas Gifts for the residents in need/ Santa Program all doated from the Masonic Family. We lost Elsie our OES member from NY who was 105 years young. We had a mason move in that is 101 years old soon to be 102 and hosted a lodge meeting where 50 Masons came. We also will be hosting our Golf tournament on June 9 at City Park, looking for golfers, sponsors and items for our online auction that will run that weekend. The Community Shred thon April 15 from 10am-noon for IORG- Colorado In February we hosted a blood drive had five first time donors and collected 24 pints of blood we will do another on in the fall. We are hosting our Senior Prom with the Colorado DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow girls on Sunday May 21 from 2pm-4pm. It's a pink themed event.

Super Excited to announce we are hosting our evening of Laughter, back after a 3-year COIVID hiatus. Tickets will be \$25 it is open to anyone and everyone to attend.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Kathy Easterday

Kathy Easterday reported the Finance Committee meets quarterly. John Swift from Benchmark Investments gives the board monthly updates on the investments. ESMRC Investment Policy was updated in late 2022 to bring current and update the investment allocations of the various funds to better position ESMRC to be in a good spot for when markets to rebound. The Finance Committee reviews the monthly financial statements, key financial indicators, and monthly trend analysis.

Education Committee: Dick Surroz

Dick Surroz reported that the current focus of the Education Committee is on outreach and education to chapters and lodges about ESMRC; highlighting the importance of appointing delegates to the HOD and being supported by the chapters and lodges. To date 5 presentations have been made and several more are scheduled. Kathy Easterday gave a high-level overview of the presentation. Terry Hudson reminded the delegates to share the information with their chapter/lodge.

New Business:

Proposed Revision to Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Home of Colorado Inc. Bylaws

The following changes to the bylaws were reviewed:

Article I – Board of Trustees – added Section 9 to reflect the new position of Associate Board Member. Associate Board Members are appointed to one (1) year terms by the Board of Trustees. Associate Board Members are not entitled to a vote at annual, regular, or special meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Article III – Meetings of Members – House of Delegates

Updated Sections one (1) and two (2) where it refers to Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star and Lodges to “Organizations of the Masonic Family”.

Discussion ensued regarding what would be encompassed in under the Organizations of the Masonic Family and whether each Chapter and Lodge will still be entitled to a representative. For the purposes of the change "Masonic Family" would include any organization recognized by the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Not inclusive, the examples could be Shriners, Daughters of the Nile, etc.

Terry asked for a motion and second to approve the changes. Motion was made and seconded, vote was taken, and the changes passed.

Unfinished Business:

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Respectfully submitted by Patti Hayford, Larry Lillo, and Pati Sawyer Boex.