

Maine Masonic College

Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2006

Board members present;

Robert Landry, Steve Nichols, Walter Macdougall, Donald McDougal and
George Macdougall

Visitors present;

Wayne Adams

Around 9:30 the Board got settled down and came to order. Walter Macdougall gave the opening prayer.

BUDGET-

Steve talked about his meeting with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Lodge Tax Attorney. It looks like having us as part of the Charity Foundation is feasible and will not cause any problems. Steve presented a budget for the following 15 months. We looked it over and made some additions and deletions. It was suggested that we should present this to the Committee in two parts. The first part being what we need now and the second part being what we will need for operations in the new fiscal year. This was difficult as it was all pretty much needed now but we broke it up by what has been laid out by board members and may be laid out in the next few months. Steve will rewrite the budget as discussed and then send to the Board members for ratification. Steve will be talking to Claire prior to presenting this budget to the foundation.

INSTITUTE-

There was a brief discussion on the Summer Institute. Dates and location from our last meeting were stated for folks who did not know. A central theme was also bandied about of Enlightenment and Freemasonry's role in spreading it.

FRAUD CLASS-

It was reported that the first class had gone very well and was well received. The group involved with us did the lunch since we did the program. The next class will be February sixth in Westbrook at the Congregational Church. The committee reported that they have everything they need for now.

INSURANCE QUESTIONS-

The Hartford Insurance company was contacted to find out about liability with the classes of the college. It was found out that Justin Hartford was no longer with the company. The question was asked the person handling the account if there would be issues with an entity of Grand Lodge holding classes for masons and nonmasons in a conference center or a lodge hall. Still waiting for an answer on that. If anyone has more insurance questions please let George know so he can ask the company the next time he contacts them.

NEW COURSES-

There was a brief discussion on what was coming or available for new courses. The names of the volunteers were brought up as well as the survey results. It was suggested that we coordinate with other organizations in the future to match their programs such as Maine Performing Arts Center doing 'HMS Pinafore' and we doing a class on Gilbert and Sullivan).

The next meeting will be after the class on Symbolism as it was felt this would be easiest as most of the board will be there. This will be Feb 11 at the Ground Round and follow the lunch at 12:00.

The meeting closed at 12:15 and everyone headed downstairs for lunch after a prayer by Wayne Adams.