



Maine Masonic College Board of Regents Meeting

December 14, 2008

The Board of Regents met at Meridian Splendor Lodge #49 in Newport, Maine with the meeting opening at 8:55am with Stephen Nichols as Chairman. The following Regents present: Richard Bowden, Kelley Carter, Edward King, Eric Kuntz, Gerald Leighton, George Macdougall, Walter Macdougall, Don McDougal, and David Richardson.

Due to personal issues, the Secretary had no minutes to present and accordingly, he the 200% pay raise he had been expecting was negated. During the remaining part of the meeting he was heard humming the 60's song, "Nuthin' from nuthin' leaves nuthin'....". The Treasurer gave an oral report of our finances.

Jerry Leighton reported on the status of our outreach program with the booklet from the MSANA titled "Further Light: Helpful Information for New Master Masons." Ed will work on the issue of letters and labels. The plan will be to send the booklets bulk rate thru Grand Lodge and then follow-up with a second mailing about three weeks later.

Walter then summarized the status of courses at present and based on Jerry's urging, we embarked on the setting of dates for several courses.

Walter further discussed meeting with a person from UMO regarding 'mentoring' in conjunction with MEALS specifically requesting the District Reps receive this education. We discussed the difference between 'teaching' and 'telling', recognizing that most of what we do is 'telling' but true mentoring involves 'teaching'. It was suggested that this be broken into segments and people assigned to developing them – several 20 minute segments perhaps. There was a lengthy discussion about the need for mentoring as crucial to our society.

Steve announced that he'd had an epiphany about {??? – Well, that's what happens when the Secretary doesn't get the raise!!!!}

Further details on the mentoring program were discussed and debated and we'll look to do that tentatively in April.

We also discussed having Gordon Donaldson, Head of Educational Leadership & Development Programs at UMO present a program on Leadership in Volunteer Organizations, something that SO many of our community groups could use.

There was some limited discussion about a budget for the ensuing year.

The upcoming Educational Summit in Brunswick on December 29, 2008 was discussed and comments were made as to what part we can/could/should play in the discussion. It was hoped that this time the participants will be in a more cooperative spirit.

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Richard Bowden asked about instructor material revisions. He will send all regents a copy of the material on mentoring/instruction as mentioned by Charlie Plummer at the most recent Maine Lodge of Research meeting.

The next meeting was set for January 18, 2009 again at the Masonic Hall in Newport at 9am. The meeting was closed at 12:22pm and although several Regents were called to other engagements due to the upcoming holidays, those who stayed enjoyed a brief lunch and good fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. King

Secretary, Board of Regents, Maine Masonic College