

SHRINE CHANTERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL
Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes (via conference call)
January 20, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Greg Lewis at 7:01 pm Central Time
Invocation was given by Barry Spitzer
Pledge of Allegiance was given by all

Roll call of officers and members present on the call by Secretary:
Greg Lewis, President (RAJAH)
Bruce Rohrbach, Second Vice-President (RAJAH)
Barry Spitzer, Secretary (MOOLAH)
Jim Gesell, Third Vice-President (MOOLAH)
Del Kroon, Treasurer (EL RIAD)
John Baber, Board Member (AL BEDOO)

Secretary's Report

Barry gave Secretary's Report report from September 30th Board Meeting Minutes. Minutes were approved as stand.

Treasurer's Report

Del Kroon said no checks outstanding, no bills or deposits. Balance in checking is \$8,054.83. Treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports

None reported

President's Report

Greg attended Imperial PR Conference in September, 2018, in Tampa. Rocky from EL RIAD indicated they were planning on coming to Imperial and were having a meeting soon to discuss details. Greg said he would forward address of Rocky of EL RIAD to Barry for further follow-up. Del Kroon said Rocky is Vice-President of the EL RIAD Chanters.

- Chanter Units Competing in Competition in Nashville
President Greg asked what units would be in Nashville, RAJAH, SYRIA and MOOLAH expressed interest to be in Nashville for Imperial, 2019. We're waiting to hear from ABU BEKR and KEM Shrines. ZURAH from Minneapolis had dissolved.
- Because of a quorum not being met at Sept. board meeting we motioned and approved Jim Gesell to position of Third Vice-President. Bruce Rohrbach made a motion and second by Del Kroon. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jim Gesell reported we are planning to do the church service and at these minutes we are waiting to hear about opening ceremony participation.
- Jim is waiting to be officially appointed as Competition Chairman.
- Jim is waiting to hear from Lynn Morelock for further instructions.
- Greg asked Del if proper paperwork had been filed for 2018 taxes. Del filed and sent a copy to Imperial Treasurer.
- Imperial Sir Jim Cain spoke with Greg about singing for the opening ceremony and Greg's conversation assumed that Chanters would be singing, but waiting to hear.
- Barry said he would reach out to Director General to clarify Chanters singing at Opening Session

- and the Pageantry on Wednesday morning.
- Barry mentioned the church service would be at the **Tennessee State Grand Lodge** building.
 - Approximately 5 songs are needed for church music. Directors would share competition sheets with Competition Chairman to promote theme for Imperial: Shriner's Love Country.
 - Jim mentioned that the Potentate was figuring on songs where the church audience could participate.
 - Jim was told theatre seating was in the round with approximately 2,000 seats.
 - Processional, Offertory, Recessional: possible songs discussed.
 - Bruce Rohrbach indicated he would be glad to be the church accompanist. Bruce said organ is preferable but a piano would be fine.
 - Greg mentioned he would be happy to be MC for Competition. Dates and times were discussed for Competition on Monday. Starting times depend upon how many units will compete. Categories for large group and small group were discussed. We decided 2 adjudicators would be sufficient at \$250 each. Treasurer will provide checks for payments and expenses.
 - Competition will be held at the **Nashville Music City Center**. Times and actual rooms, dressing room, warm-up area, piano all TBD.
 - We discussed singing 2 songs of our own and 1 song all of us sing. To be decided depending upon what Lee says.
 - Opening and closing songs were suggested: maybe Elvira or Cool, Cool Water. Nothing was finalized.
 - If we have large group competition, Barry will have to order 1 more trophy (source: Collegiate Awards, Springfield, MO).
 - Competition Reception and Installation to be determined after we decide on room size and availability.
 - Since Lee is incoming President, the decision on Reception and Installation will be based upon his suggestions.
 - Barry mentioned having a luncheon and afternoon cabaret (like Indianapolis); however, the decision would be up to Lee.
 - Housing: Greg asked if housing had been secured. MOOLAH is staying at Maxwell House.
 - SYRIA and MOOLAH will bring the traveling trophies to the competition.

Date for next quarterly call: Sunday, April 28, 2019. 8 Eastern, 7 Central, 6 Mountain

Cheer and Distress: Bruce Rohrbach mentioned that Past President of RAJAH, Nevin Miller, is not doing well after a car accident. We'll keep him in our prayers.

Motion to adjourn and second, carried unanimously by all at 7:57 pm Central Time.
Closed by Greg Lewis.

Conference call phone number is: 712-775-7031

Access Code: 626252#

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Spitzer, SCAI Secretary