

December 19, 2012 Minutes
Meeting of the Otsego-Schoharie & Delaware
Masonic Charities, Inc.

Called to order at 7:30 pm by President William Morley

Opening Prayer was offered by Roy Bilby

Pledge of Alligience to the Flag was given

Roll call of members present: William Morley, Richard Morley, Rick Morley, Fred G. Hicken, George Sydlar, Bruce Van Buren, Rick Scheiner, Roy Bilby, Julian Wilcon, William Mason, and Ken Sokolowski.

Minutes from the 11 October 2012 Regular Meeting were read.

Treasurer's report

Checking	\$5,564.00	two outstanding checks: ~\$800 to M&Ws
Savings	\$3,331.81	at 0.25%
NBT CD	\$2,104.67	
SubTotal	\$11,000.48	
Bonds	\$11,900.00	
OES Reserve	\$3,600.00	

Sickness & Distress

- Jim Forbes looked fairly well two weeks ago.

Old Business

- George Sydlar did not send EIN to Bruce Van Buren for Bruce and Alex to investigate. EIN we have may be for employees only.

New Business

- Alex Brannan resigned as secretary as a result of stress from dealing with George Sydlar.
- George Sydlar said he tried and failed to e-file with the IRS last year and called the IRS.
- Current by-laws require things we cannot do.
- We are not going to register with NYS or IRS to get matching grants.
- George Sydlar has a problem with a passthrough check. Bill Mason objected to the discussion. The treasurer is to write checks, no to investigate who is receiving and why. Bill Mason commented that George Sydlar has done a good job with the books, but his deviciveness gets in the way of the group functioning. George asked if he had done anything wrong. Roy Bilby and Bill Morley stated that he had by disrupting meetings and disturbing peace and harmony during the meetings.
- Bill Mason asked if the O-S&D Masonic Charities was worth the effort. All responded affirmatively.

- We all have internal issues we need to work out.
- Committee consisting of Bruce Van Buren, Bill Mason, Fred Hickein, and Rick Scheiner was appointed to research two options: 1. Revamp existing corporation by getting 501(c)(3) and so forth or 2. Start a new corporation.
- Committee consisting of Roy Bilby, Rich Morley, and Ken Sokolowski was appointed to recommend a changes to the By-Laws. Using the pattern of electing officers for the last 20 years, we can continue that regardless of the by-laws.
- Nominations committee was appointed consisting of Fed Hickein, Bill Mason, and Julian Wilcox. Bill Mason will call Alex Brannan to see if he is willing to serve.
- New members
 - Richard C. Morley
 - Ken Sokolowski (paid \$25 dues in cash)
- Next meeting: February 20, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Oneonta Masonic Temple. Send notice to members via e-mail or postcard.

Minutes were read and approved. Adjournment Prayer was offered by Rick Scheiner. Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce L. Van Buren, Acting Secretary