

TCU/ARASA 5101 Lodge Meeting

Date: 2/23/16 7pm CST

President Dennis Deyo opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and with the Association Prayer, and called meeting to order.

Present were Local Officers, General Chairmen, District Chairmen and other members.

A motion to waive the reading of the previous meeting minutes was made by Jerry Johnson, second by George Moore. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary Shane Lindsey gave the financial report. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Randy Harrington, second by Bo Brown. Motion passed

President Dennis Deyo announced that training for new Representatives will take place during the week of April 11, 2016 in Arlington, TX. Invitees were announced and given 48 hours to reply to the President if they would not be able to attend.

VG ES Escal Thornton reported on investigations that are scheduled. He reminded the membership that care must be exercised when using the BTE card to only purchase permitted items in permissible quantities.

- Mike Troesser was recognized and posed a question regarding how to handle members who are in arrears. FST Lindsey was recognized and responded with instructions on how to handle those situations.

VG Locomotive Al Briones reported on two cases where members have been pulled from service.

- Javier Rosales was recognized and posed a roster question. General Chairman Mark Sellers was recognized and responded to the question..

VG Car Al Harris reported that he is currently awaiting word on some appeals.

Member Benefits Specialist Kebra Dinsmore reported that she has reached out to the Grand Lodge for assistance on a Medical Claim case which is in the final appeal process.

- A member was recognized and asked about his situation including details. National Representative Steve Hirschbein expressed concern that too many details were being given and requested that they touch base after the meeting to address the questions.

Chairman of The Board Marco Acevedo had nothing new to report from the Trustees.

Vice President Bo Brown had nothing new to report.

Recording Secretary Jerry Johnson reported that a text messaging alert plan is being implemented and was tested by sending a Lodge Meeting reminder to all Lodge Officers. He requested that anyone who did not receive this text message contact him so it can be fixed.

General Chairman Mark Sellers reported on the following items:

- Investigations in progress
 - ETE status
 - Eng. Svc. Meal policies – reaching out to the company
 - Furloughs and non-dated ARASA's
 - Work schedules
- Kevin Keane was recognized and provided his input regarding ETE's
 - Marco Acevedo was recognized with a question about bidding rights for ARASAs when they have no other rights.
 - Steve Hirschbein clarified that there is no right to bid in those instances.

Brian Spinden made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm CST.

Total attendance at meeting = 59

The next Regular Lodge meeting will be held on March 22, 2016 at 7 P.M. CST. The number is 1-877-773-7962, id number 563306#. You will need to give your name for introduction.

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Contact your District or Local Chairman for details on any items that you are interested in.