

Montgomery Lodge #11 Minutes 8-7-2023

WM – Chris Langston
SW – Jerry Barron
JW – Drew Keene
Treasurer – Paul St. John
Secretary – Joey Crysel
SD Pro Tem – Daniel Sparkman
JD – Scooter Bodiford
Chaplain Pro Tem – Rick Boyett
Tiler – Roger Schoolfield

A Master Mason lodge was open in due in ancient form with 16 brothers present.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and read.

Currently we have \$10,283 in the Regions checking account. Three checks that were written last month have not cleared yet. Other bills were reported on as well. We have looked into drawing the money for the roof repair from the Trustmark CD and transferring the funds into the Regions checking account. A motion was made by Bill Forshey to move the money from the Trustmark CD into Regions bank. This amount is \$34,954.28. There will be a \$374.54 charge to move this. Drew Keene seconded this motion. Lodge voted favorably.

A letter will be posted on the bulletin board for the Grand Lodge Youth Sports matching sponsorship plan. We will not be moving forward with this due to roof repair.

A petition for the Mysteries of Freemasonry was presented from Joe McDowell. The investigating committee will be Jerry Barron, Rick Boyett, David Grant.

The committee for the reinstatement of Andrew Gaskins reported favorably. The ballot was found dark. The reinstatement was rejected.

The committee to investigate Robert Butterfield was postponed due to Mr. Butterfield having the flu.

Bill Forshey made a motion to approve the contract that was written up by Daniel Sparkman to get the loan from Eastern Star for their half of the roof repair. The motion was seconded by Paul St. John. The lodge voted favorably.

Drew Keene mentioned that we need to setup when we are doing food before lodge meetings. We did not need to depend on one person to do it all the time. A motion was made by David Royal to have a meal every meeting. Bill Forshey seconded this motion and the lodge voted favorably.

Ross McCoy mentioned that the River Region Shrine Club will meet next Thursday night. The club is raffling off a pheasant hunt for the October gun giveaway.

Joey Crysel mentioned that we have a GroupMe chat going for lodge communications. Anyone could see him after lodge to get into the chat.

The next lodge breakfast will be August 19th at 8am.

WM Chris Langston has undergone radiation treatments. He is on the third treatment of 60.

David Royal thanked the lodge for attending Jimmy Lisenby's funeral. He reported that we had about 20 members of the lodge present.

We would be having a practice after lodge tonight.

Tomorrow night at Twin Cities lodge in Opelika there will be a MM degree.

Ferris Harper reported the Demolay Chapter in Mobile had their 100th anniversary.

Paul St. John reported there will be a conference this Saturday August 12th at Air Force One Lodge.

Master Mason lodge was closed at 7:45pm.

Joey Crysel
Secretary