

FASA Minutes

General Membership

DATE: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

The monthly meeting of FASA was called to order by President, Eric Rowe at the Elks Lodge on February 8 at 6:30 pm with 23 members present.

Eric introduced the new board:

**Vice PresidentRay Baloyot
Recording Secretary.....Sue Fulcher
Corresponding Secretary.....Peggy Perry
Treasurer.....Penny Council
Sgt. at Arms.....Steve Miller
And of course himself, Eric Rowe, President**

Eric also presented new committees for the year as follows:

**Beverly Hobgood.....DJ's for functions during the year
Dwight Vinson.....Membership
Kathi Baloyet....FASA Website and newsletter
Dwayne Baggett.....Phone Tree
Entertainment.....Joyce Ramos**

Pat Trujillo expressed concerns for Lisa Hitt, from Atlanta diagnosed with ALS. Please keep her in your prayers.

The Valentine Party is rescheduled for February 19th at 7:00 pm. Due to an oversight of the Elks Lodge we had to reschedule from February 12th to the 19th. Hope this will be agreeable with everyone and that we have a good attendance.

Steve Miller is selling SOS cards for those interested in events coming up.

**Penny Council gave the Treasurer's report
Income.....\$450.00
Expenses.....196.00
Ending Checkbook balance is \$7893.24**

Richard Ramos made a motion that we accept the Treasurer's report and Johnny Boyles 2nd the motion. Eric asked for a show of hands and the report was accepted.

Dwight Vinson gave a report on membership and our membership dues need to be in by the end of February. If you have any changes, please include them with your payment.

Eric went to the Mid-Winter meeting. Members state that they are having issues with the promise of a parade this year. Many issues stem from Covid.

Eric presented Dwight Vinson, our past President with a gift card from Mi Casitas, his favorite place to eat. We thanked him for his tireless work during the past two years and the issues he has dealt with concerning Covid and what he has had to work around to keep the club active.

Due to high cost and availability of catering services, snacks at parties was discussed over having heavy meals served.

The charge for our Valentine Party was an oversight by the Elks Lodge and they are adjusting our charge from \$250.00 to \$125.00 for the party rental. It was suggested that we change our party time from 7 to 11 pm to 7 to 10 pm due to people leaving early. Beverly brought to the floor that DJ price needs an adjustment. It's hard to find a DJ due to retirement, death, etc. to play. The cost is too low.

Dwight Vinson made a motion that we raise our DJ cost to \$250.00 and this motion was 2nd by Johnny Boyles. Vote was unanimous to change this expense to \$250.00.

Kathi Baloyet presented Budget Options for parties based on 40 members and 5 guests attending a party to compare the cost. She presented three options that would change to door cost per member and guest and it was compared to what our budget would be. Most agreed option #2 would suit us best. FASA has approximately \$7800 in checking and \$21,000 in money market and that should keep us in good shape. Eric asked for discussion on budgets allotted for parties. There was much discussion about our party budget and other funds to keep operating. Most agreed that we are in good shape at present, but need to be aware that we do not have large money makers in place at this time. Some of the members that host a party are taking on the cost out-of-pocket. The reverse raffle was brought up as the number one money maker and that we should try and work on this in the future to host.

Increasing the dues was brought up and discussed to change from \$30.00 to \$45.00 yearly. This would have to change in our By-Laws. This should be proposed and included in our newsletter for a vote at our next meeting. It was also mentioned that Past Presidents should pay dues. Many of the members have been Presidents of FASA and this would certainly increase our income to help with expenses throughout the year. This change was widely agreed upon from the membership present.

FASA needs a Ways and Means Committee and three of our members graciously volunteered to serve on this committee.

**Dwight Vinson
Tom Hobgood
Beverly Hobgood**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sue Fulcher
Recording Secretary**