

Minutes of the 2011 Lower Mainland Zone Conference
Held Sat., Feb. 19-20, 2011
Hope Aerie #2690 Hall

Opening Session: Feb. 19 @ 10:00 A.M.

The annual meeting of the Lower Mainland Zone Conference opened with Bev Bailey and Randy Strang of Vancouver #2075 serving as Chairs.

Bev Bailey opened the meeting with Cory Krisko sitting in for Randy (who was competing in Ritual next door); Sister Carol Edgington of Abbotsford #2726 serving as Secretary/Treasurer for the session. There were 64 in attendance.

Bev then made introductions for the Provincial M. Officers and the Past M. Presidents and Mothers:

Thelma Redmond #15	– P.M. Chaplain
Linda Vipond #2831	– Jr. Past M. President
Maureena Wilson #3097	– Prov. M. President
Mary Lou Tripple #3097	– Prov. Mother
Joan Klit #2838	– Past Pacific Northwest Regional Pres. and Past Prov. M. President
Bridie Howarth #2726	– Past Prov. M. President
Yvonne Blom #2831	– Past Prov. M. President
Rita Millette #2831	– Past Prov. Mother
Vera Gjestrum #20	– Past Provincial Ten Year Treasurer
Carol Edgington #2726	– Prov. M. Inside Guard
Bev Bailey #2075	– Prov. M. Trustee

Cory then introduced the officers that were present: Past Prov. Father & Hall of Famer Eddie Olsen and himself as Prov. Treasurer. Many of the other Brothers were involved in Ritual judging and the Ritual competitions, and they sent their apologies for not attending was recorded.

Motion by Joyce Fredlund PMP #2831, seconded by Louise Savoy PMP #2075 to vary the agenda; **carried.**

[Recording Secretary's Note: As the Zone Conference has never published a policy document or established By-Laws (having only Guidelines, which include a different structure than is being used at this Conference), this motion is unnecessary and superfluous according to Robert's Rules. Based on the rights of the current assembly, the motion was unnecessary because no preceding motion was made to adopt an agenda for the Conference.]

Membership Workshop

Brian Kersey spoke on membership and how everyone is responsible for the membership.

Fundraising Workshop

Randal Didiuk introduced a speaker from New Westminster – Tom Fleming and he spoke on fundraising.

- Working with the community events that are happening
- Show how they are valuable and get them to understand what you are trying to get across.

- Thank the volunteers and amount collected for the specific function
- Follow through and nurture, maintain positive attitude and be professional and courteous

Saturday Afternoon

Tom Fleming spoke more on fundraising

-If you are selling something, get something for your money.

~ The Aerie and Auxiliary then separated for separate sessions of their own ~

Joint Memorial

Abbotsford #2726 Aerie and Auxiliary performed the Joint Memorial for the Lower Mainland in honour of the following deceased members:

-Aerie-

- Vancouver # 2075 - Peter Savoy, Harold Tkatch, William B Charun.
- North – West # 2638 - George Morissette, Larry MacIntosh.
- Hope # 2690 - Larry Rodgers, Neil Desmarias, William K. Svensrud, Gerald M. Besse, Lawrence Hagen.
- Abbotsford # 2726 - Richard McCullough, Dave Sabo, Ronald Lacey, John B. Gardner, James Stewart, Rex King.
- Maple Ridge# 2831 - W.L. Gillies, J.R. Fossett, William Leaf.

-Auxiliary-

- New Westminster # 20 - Sophie Perrick, Bernice Day, Eileene Budd, Kathleen McLelland
- Vancouver # 2075 - Catherine Cashato, Alice Peters.
- North West# 2638 - Sybil Hanlon, Louise Gatto.
- Hope # 2690 - Pat Nunn.
- Abbotsford # 2726 - Ann Miller, Shirley Hayden, Sarah Gutridge, Norma Holbrow, Doris Davey.

Joint Session

12:16 p.m.

Hope Aerie #2690 Hall

Conference Chairs: Sister Bev Bailey and Brother Randy Strang of Vancouver #2075.

Recording Secretaries: Sister Carol Edgington and Brother Will Heigh of Abbotsford #2726.

Provincial Presidents Maureena Wilson #3097 and Kit Chamberland #4281 were in attendance.

The Conference was turned over to PPNWRMP Joan Klit and PPP Joseph Millette for their presentation of:

Workshop on Protocol

Brother Joseph thanked Sister Bev Bailey and Brother Randy Strang for hosting the Conference for us.

Sister Joan conducted gave a presentation on Officer Protocol [see Attachment A].

Brother Will added some pointers regarding protocol based upon Robert's Rules of Order [see Attachment B].

Notes from Men's Session

- Zone Deputies will be responsible for golf tournaments, crib tournaments and fishing tournaments (if re-established in the Zone);
- Past Provincial Presidents will be asked for input regarding Zone activities;
- A poster on Ritual will be distributed to every Aerie in the Zone.
- Contact regarding the Zone Conference will be through the Aerie Vice-Presidents;
- The Brothers heard from 2726 Madam VP Louise Hodge on a charity she has researched and has become near to her heart, The Cyrus Center, located in Abbotsford.

Bills and Expenses

Motion by PPP "Josephine" Millette #2831, seconded by PPP "Wilhemina" Bucklage #2831, that the Conference pay the Hope Aerie their \$250.00 expenses; **carried**.

Donations to Provincial Presidents' Charities

Motion by Joyce Fredlund PMP #2831, seconded by PPMP Linda Vipond #2831, that the Conference donate \$100.00 each to the Provincial Presidents' Charities; **carried**.

Topic: Director Board for Conference

The idea of LMZC directors was discussed and the Auxiliary felt they do not need directors; that the Chairs for the year could run the conference. Therefore, if the Chairs do not promote the Conference and do all the work themselves the low attendance might allow the Conference to be discontinued. This should help emphasize to the Chairs how important it is that they devote themselves to the Conference for the whole year leading up.

MPP Maureena Wilson #3097 mentioned success they have had in Campbell River to raise funds. One example has been their bake sales, where the profits are dedicated to the chosen cause, and the patrons actually walk away with something in their hands. People are more likely to spend a dime if they get something worth a nickel for their efforts.

Hosts for the 2012 LMZC

Motion by Joseph Millette, seconded by Randy Strang, that New Westminster host the 2012 Conference in Hope on February 18-19, with Chairs to be Gerry Liu for the Aerie and Vera Gjestrum for the Auxiliary; **carried**.

Cyrus Center

Sister Louise Hodge #2726 reported on the Cyrus Center in Abbotsford with the centre helping homeless children between the ages of 12-18. They have only 4 full-time bed, and work with the Salvation Army to house kids with no visible means for a maximum of 60 days each.

Motion by Brother Joseph, seconded by Sister Louise Savoy, that the Conference donate \$500.00 to the Cyrus Center; **carried**. Sister Louise Hodge thanked everyone for the donation, and thanked Brother Joseph for bringing out the mop.

Thanks

Bev and Randy thanked Hope for the meals and Herb for setting up the hall, and thanked the Provincial Presidents, Recording Secretaries, and Chairs for the workshops. Bring someone with you next year. TEAMWORK

Further thanks were extended to guests Thelma Redmond from Nanaimo, Mary Lou Tripple from Campbell River, Prov. M. President Maureena Wilson from Campbell River, Prov. Pres. Kit Chamberland from Penticton, and Joan Klit from Trail.

Sister Bev designated Brothers Joseph and Cory as her “Problem Children”, which was an obvious choice to everyone else.

Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$1,696.46
Revenue	\$ 920.00 (Aerie and Auxiliary Registrations and Member Registration)
Expenses	\$ 250.00 – Hall rental to Hope # 2690 \$ 500.00 – Cyrus Centre \$ 100.00 – MPP Maureena’s charity \$ 100.00 – WPP Kit’s charity \$ 200.87 – Fastamps Engraving (Ritual badges and Plaques) \$ 0.51 (Bank interest for March, April, and May) \$ <u>5.65</u> (Bank charges for 3 months) \$1,459.43 (Balance in account as of May 16, 2011)

Signing Officers for the Account are Sisters Judy Enns and Carol Edgington and Brothers Andy Davies and Brian Kersey, all from Abbotsford #2726.

Good of the Order

Sister Maureena mentioned the Island Zone Conference on March 12 in Port Alberni, and welcomed everyone to attend.

Kit and Maureena thanked the Conference for the donations to their charities.

PPP Wayne Bucklage thanked Bev and Randy for doing such a great job.

[APPLAUSE]

Closing

The 2011 LMZC closed, to reconvene in Hope on Feb. 24-26, 2012, hosted by New Westminster #20, chaired by Brother Gerry Liu and Sister Vera Gjestrum.