

High Twelve International, Inc.
88th Annual Convention
General Session Meeting
Friday, 26 June 2009 – Saturday, 27 June 2009
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 8:30 Monty McMinn, Acting President

OPENING PRAYER Jim Satterthwaite, PIP International Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Ercil Eschbach, International Sergeant-At-Arms

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The International Chaplain Jim Satterthwaite gave the memorial opening prayer. He thanked everyone for attending the service and explained how the departed Brethren would be honored.

To honor the deceased Brethren, the names were read for each state, and a State representative lit a candle at the altar in their honor. After all Brethren had been honored, a very Special Prayer was then given in their remembrance.

KEY NOTE ADDRESS

Brother Ercil Eschbach, PSP and International Sergeant At Arms gave a warm welcome and thanked everyone for their attendance. He gave a short message on Masonry and thanked High Twelve International for the opportunity to address the General Assembly.

REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies were excused at 9:30 and thanked for their attendance at these special services.

GENERAL SESSION:

The Acting President, Monty McMinn, opened the General Session at 1000.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

International Secretary, Jerry Saville, called the Roll and a quorum was declared.

PIP Ross Van Ness Bayer asked for the floor to make an announcement. At the Past President's meeting, they voted to call for a Special Audit Committee to review expenditures for the past year and beyond if required. Several questions have to be answered regarding certain expenditures. The Acting President asked for volunteers to serve on this committee and the following members volunteered: Ercil Eschbach (CA), Don Whistler (PA), Loyd Smith (TX) and David Jacobs (NJ) will service as an alternate. The International Secretary and International Treasurer will serve as advisors. M/S/P to approve this committee.

The Treasurer, Ralph Clemmer, and Don Galway who served on the Committee to rework the budget yesterday presented the new budget to the membership. The budget presented had a surplus balance of nearly \$6000. There was a M/S/P to move \$5000 to a line item to pay the Wally Fund back \$5000.

After a very long discussion on income and expenditures a motion was made to accept the new balanced budget. M/S/P.

ADOPT RULES OF ORDER

Adopt Agenda –M/S/P

Adopt Mid-Year Conference Minutes of Nov 08 – M/S/P

REPORT OF STATE PRESIDENT'S ROUND TABLE MEETING –

Several state President voiced concerns over the expenditures and the proposed per capital increase. Even though the proposed per capita increase was amended to a fixed \$1.50 for next year only there are still concerns over the impact to the clubs over this increase. The membership made a motion to call for a vote on this increase. M/S/P.

The proposed per capital was voted down. The membership now waits for a report from the special audit committee on expenditures.

The General Sessions recessed for lunch.

The Acting President, Monty McMinn, reconvened the meeting at 2 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXPANSION AND Retention – Berdette Bryngelson gave a verbal report on membership.

Long Range Planning Committee – Willie Mier, PIP gave a brief verbal report.

Masonic Activities – PIP Ross V.N. Bayer, PGM, read his report.

Insurance Committee – Ralph Clemmer, International Treasurer gave a brief report.

George Washington Memorial Committee – PIP David Jacobs gave a brief report.

Wolcott: Malcolm White stated that he will present his report at the Wolcott luncheon.

Youth Report: Malcolm White gave an excellent report and presented a copy to be attached to the minutes.

Endowment Fund Trustee – Loyd Smith gave a very detailed report and explained the \$16,000 withdrawal from the fund.

Credentials Committee: Richard walls announced the total votes, delegates and Masonic representative, and the number to elect.

M/S/P to accept the Committee Reports.

NOMINATIONS – PIP Ross Van Ness Bayer made the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

President: Monty McMinn (TX) and Bob David (TN)

First VP: Robert Smith (MI)

Second VP: Mervyn Harris (FL)

Third VP: Sid Leluan (AZ) and Nick Weisinger (IL)

Treasurer: David Jacobs (NJ) and Donald L Galway (MI)

Endowment Trustees: Loyd Smith (TX) and Don Whistler (PA)

M/S/P to accept the nominations as given. Since the hour is late, and in order to complete the committee reports today, the elections will be held tomorrow morning.

STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

All states either gave a quick verbal report or referenced their reports in the Convention book. They gave the following convention dates for their States:

August 15	Illinois
Sep 12	Ohio
Sep 19	Indiana
Oct 9-10	Arizona
Oct 9-10	Colorado
Oct 21-24	California
Nov 12-14	International Mid-Year, San Antonio, TX
Nov 19	Texas
Dec 4-6	Florida – Cruise
Apr 9	Louisiana
Apr 16-17	Iowa – SD
April 16-17	Michigan
April	Missouri
May 1	Kansas
May 6	Pennsylvania
May 7	New Jersey
June 24-26	International H12 Convention – Romulus, Michigan

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Officers stated their reports are listed in the book. The exceptions are the President and the Treasurer who submitted no report.

M/S/P that all Committee Reports are accepted as presented in the book.

The acting President, Monty McMinn, then called the meeting to recess, to allow time for the members to attend the Grand Master's Dinner.

The 88th Annual Convention of High Twelve International, Inc. General Session was reconvened on Saturday, 27 June, at 0830, by the International President, George Tucker.

The International Secretary, Jerry Saville, performed a roll call and a quorum was declared.

The credentials Committee was called upon to announce the number of delegate votes and another conversation began on the e/mail proxy votes. After another lengthy discussion, the President, with concurrence from the members, accepted the e/mail proxy votes. The credentials committee was delayed counting the votes and the President was briefed on several issues that occurred over the past few days.

A motion was made to accept the International Officers, and Trustees running unopposed, by acclamation. These officers and their positions are First VP, Robert Smith, Second VP, Mervyn Harris, and the Trustees Loyd Smith and Don Whistler. M/S/P

The election of the President, Third VP and Treasurer then followed with the following results: President, Monty McMinn, Third VP, Sid Leluan and the Treasurer Don Galway.

The Elected International Officers for 2009-2010 are:

President: Monty McMinn (TX)

First VP: Robert Smith (MI)

Second VP: Mervyn Harris (FL)

Third VP: Sid LeLuan (AZ)

Treasurer: Don Galway

Endowment Fund Trustee: Loyd Smith (TX) and Don Whistler (PA)

M/S/P that these Officers be installed for 2009-2010.

Closing Remarks: The International President thanked Monty for running the first two days of the convention. George thanked the Officers for their service over the past year.

The new International President, Monty McMinn, announced that the Post Convention would begin today at 2pm.

BENEDICTION: International Chaplain, Jim Satterwaite, gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jerry Saville
International Secretary