

MINUTES OF THE DAYTON UNDERGROUND GROTTO
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2017

1. Chairman Tama Cassidy called the meeting to order at 7:10pm at Walter E. Stebbins High School. Eight members were present. Officers in attendance were:

Chairman Tama Cassidy
Secretary Mike Hood
Treasurer Rebekah Sweet

Vice Chairman - Vacant
Board Member - Dennis Green (Absent)
Board Member - Vacant

2. Minutes of the November 12, 2017 meeting were read and approved by unanimous consent.

3. Treasurer Sweet reported a balance of \$2803.47 in checking and \$\$1592.38 in savings. She reported the accounts will be moved to a 5/3rd bank account soon. John Cassidy asked that the new account number be sent to him so that he can update our Paypal account.

4. Membership chairman, John Cassidy, reported the grotto currently has 76 members. It was discussed among members if we want to go back to quarterly meetings, change meeting nights, and look at other meeting locations. No decisions were made at this time.

5. Chairman Cassidy talked about the NSS' Bat Ball that will be held New Year's Eve at the NSS Headquarters in Huntsville, Alabama. John, Tama, and Ana Scherschel are attending.

6. Chairman Cassidy reminded the grotto about the upcoming Winter Adventure Weekend at Carter Caves State Resort Park. Check out their website for details.

7. Great Saltpetre Preserve representative, Tama Cassidy, reported on the water flow improvement project at the preserve. The project is to fix the road erosion issue. It's reported the work should be completed in time for the open house in May 2018. There will be a workday and she would like to see the grotto get involved with this workday. There will be more information to come.

8. Chairman Cassidy said that Tammy Otten is willing to do a program on Lechuguilla Cave. Tama will look into a dinner meeting location for our January meeting.

9. The the DUG "Mexi-Vert" dinner is this Tuesday, December 12, 6:15pm at the El Toro restaurant in Vandalia.

10. John Cassidy reported the Kentucky Speleological Survey purchased a large amount of memory to store its maps and other documents. They are willing to archive our newsletters. Mike Hood asked the he be sent the contact information to send our newsletters to. We are also sending our newsletter to the NSS archives.

11. Mike Hood was appointed chairman of the grotto's conservation committee. He will serve as chairman, but will step down if anyone else is interested in doing it. The grotto would like to get more members involved in chairing committees. Several committee chair positions are open.

12. Nominations were opened for the 2018 year. Nominated for office were:

Chairman - Tama Cassidy
Vice Chairman - Ana Scherschel
Secretary - Mike Hood
Treasurer - Rebekah Sweet
Board Members - Don Conover, Dennis Green, and Kelly Johnston

Officers elected to serve for the 2018 term are:

Chairman - Tama Cassidy
Vice Chairman - Ana Scherschel
Secretary - Mike Hood
Treasurer - Rebekah Sweet
Board Members - Don Conover and Kelly Johnston

Their term begins on January 1, 2018.

13. The following members were appointed as our grotto representatives for 2018:

Great Saltpetre Preserve - Tama Cassidy and Fred Ball
Indiana Karst Conservancy - Mike Hood
Kentucky Speleological Survey - Don Conover

14. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Hood
Secretary