

MINUTES OF THE DAYTON UNDERGROUND GROTTA
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2018

1. Chairman Tama Cassidy called the meeting to order at 7:20pm at T. J Chumps in Huber Heights. There were nine members and two guests in attendance. All officers were present.
2. Minutes of the December 10, 2017 meeting were read and approved by unanimous consent.
3. Treasurer Sweet reported a balance of \$3049.86 in checking and \$1592.58 in savings.
4. Membership chairman, John Cassidy, reported the grotto currently has 50 paid members for 2018. He said he expects to get more renewals before the March 1st drop date.
5. Chairman Tama talked about the Bat Ball at the NSS headquarters on New Years Eve. She said around 50 people attended and it was a nice event.
6. Chairman Tama asked for any committee or representative reports:
 - a. Mike Hood reported on the Indiana Karst Conservancy. The IKC had been told by the Hoosier National Forest administration they were going to open caves back up. This does not include caves on Indiana Department of Natural Resources state-owned caves.
 - b. John Cassidy reported on the Kentucky Speleological Survey they are still looking for volunteers.
7. Chairman Cassidy discussed the following upcoming events:
 - a. The Winter Adventure Weekend at Carter Caves State Resort Park, Kentucky, January 25-28. Several grotto members will be there.
 - b. A tentative cave trip to Buckner's Cave, Bloomington, Indiana, is being worked on for February 10th. This trip is tentative as she is waiting to hear if the trip will be approved by the Richard Blenz Nature Conservancy.
 - c. A work weekend at the Great Saltpetre Preserve in April is being planned in preparation for the GSP Open House in May. No date is set at this time.
 - d. A grotto trip for March is being looked at, but nothing definite at this time.
 - e. The GSP Open House will be May 19-20.

f. She has been talking with the chairman of the Huntsville Grotto about starting back up the annual caving get together where one year they come up our way, and the next year we go to Huntsville. Nothing has been set yet, but she is looking at a date in June to go to Huntsville.

8. The next grotto meeting will be February 11th at Stebbins High School. Bring your new caving gear you got for Christmas.

9. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Hood
Secretary