

MINUTES OF THE DAYTON UNDERGROUND GROTTO
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2017

1. Chairman Tama Cassidy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Twelve people were in attendance. Officers in attendance were:

Chairman Tama Cassidy
Secretary Mike Hood
Board Member Thomas Cottrell
Board Member Dennis Green

Vice Chairman - Vacant
Treasurer Rebekah Sweet (Excused)

2. Secretary Mike Hood read the minutes from the December meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Chairman Tama Cassidy gave the treasurer's report. We have \$2846.44 in checking, and \$1591.99 in savings.
4. KSS representative, John Cassidy, reported the grotto's dues of \$75 to the Kentucky Speleological Survey were due for 2017. Jim Pisarowicz moved to renew the grotto membership. Mike Hood seconded. Motion passed.
5. Chairman Tama Cassidy was contacted by Ohio bat biologist Bridget Brown. She wanted to know what caves we went to and if our members were following decontamination protocols. There's the possibility that Ms. Brown may be wanting to introduce legislation in Ohio to close Ohio caves due to White Nose Syndrome. Jim Pisarowicz suggested that we volunteer to accompany her to bat counts in Ohio caves.
6. Chairman Tama Cassidy reported that Cabelas contacted us about their Spring Outdoor Day on March 25th and invited us to participate with a display table. Kelly Johnston said she could be there. Anyone else interested in participating should contact Tama.
7. The Winter Adventure Weekend at Carter Caves State Resort Park in Kentucky was discussed.
8. Mike Hood reminded everyone the grotto's 25th anniversary survey was still going and that it would close on January 31st.
9. Chairman Tama Cassidy presented the grotto's Distinguished Member Award to Jim Pisarowicz in recognition of his years serving as grotto chairman. The award comes with a three-year membership.

10. Chairman Tama Cassidy informed the members that Rebekah Sweet's house burned down. The family made it out safely, but the house was a total loss. A Go Fund Me page may be set up and contributions are appreciated. Additional information will be sent to the members as it is received.
11. Chairman Tama Cassidy brought up how often do we want to have meetings since our monthly meetings are lightly attended. Do we want to go back to quarterly meetings, or something else. This will be placed in the February newsletter and on the web page for member input.
12. A meeting in the field in April is being planned. This will take the place of our regular meeting on the second Sunday of the month. The date is not final and more information will follow.
13. Secretary Mike Hood asked what the grotto would like to budget for donations in 2017. Do we want to donate to the NSS Headquarters fund and RKC Skylight Preserve again this year? The NSS Headquarters mortgage is down to \$345K (the initial mortgage was \$2.2 million). This will be further discussed at the February meeting.
14. The 2017 Wormfest was discussed. We need a chairman and help to put it together. Potential sites for the event are the Crawford County Fairgrounds in Indiana (site of the 2007 NSS Convention and 2008 Wormfest) and the Shriners Campground in Olive Hill, Kentucky (site of the 2006 Wormfest).
15. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hood
Secretary