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Robert Oswald, president

Thomas Quinlan, secretary

Club Assembly

It was back to Winter again last Tuesday with a few inches of snow annoying us in the parking lot. Nevertheless, a "good crowd" had assembled for the assembly. When all had arrived, we were fourteen members and two guests (Ellen Stephens and Jim Burns).

Appropriate for the weather conditions, we started with Minestrone type soup. Then The Miller House brought a new dish for us. It was grilled chicken with a barbecue cheese sauce, served with mashed potatoes, roasted onion strips, and a medley of steamed vegetables on the side. Dessert featured ice cream over a "caramelized nut" mixture (is that granola?). It was delicious.

Confessions

Sharon Vogt had a happy dollar for the recently approved funding for restoration of the Dansville Castle.

Reverend George had a happy dollar for Joann's recovery. He expects that she could come home from the hospital within the week.

Bob went on a short one day trip to Pennsylvania to help relatives, and was fined three bucks by PP Pat, which I think was way too stiff.

Marty Kimmel was happy that his son had found a new job in Horseheads.

Janine Miceli was happy for the cheer leaders, in which her daughter takes part, and their recent success in competition.

Club Assembly

Nancy Levesque gave us a detailed report on the state of the club's economy. It was good, but had one sore subject, overdue dues to the tune of \$760.

Deanie Traphagen expressed concern about the unpaid dues. Nancy will distribute index cards with the balances, and at the start of each new half year.

President Bob then continued with the announcement of a dues increase from \$80 to \$100 annually, starting next year (July 1).

Sharon Vogt expressed concern over the Hot Potato and its opinionated statements. How will that look to the public, able to view the stuff on the web?

Bob Radell was concerned that over half a year had passed without information to the general membership of what disbursements the board of directors had made, and wished to disagree with some of the decisions, like the dues increase, but not limited to that.

President Bob assumed full responsibility for these shortcomings, and the nomination process. This will change from now on. Club Assemblies shall be held every six weeks, and minutes of the board meetings made available every meeting. A nominating committee for the post George Smith year shall be elected by a Club Assembly already now to avoid a "mad rush" at the end.

Tom Didas thought the club was heading in the right direction, pointing to the display of flags and improved attendance. He praised President Bob for this and went on to lecture Bo Lysell on the publishing of too much detailed information about the club's economy. Also, if I curbed some sarcasm in the Hot Potato, all would be well with the world. *(This just made your editor think of Don Griffing. Tom, you're something else!)*

Bob Radell echoed Tom Didas' praise of Bob, and was looking forward to more communication from the board of directors. *(Editor does too. Avoid nominating fiasco.)*

Announcements

Art Traphagen reported on the Interact club's activities. They had judged the Holiday Lighting Contest, which had been plagued by cold weather, causing President Bob's camera shutter to freeze up. No pictures then, unfortunately.

You're encouraged to bring your spouse on January 29. Art has invited Sheriff York from Livingston county. The I390 incident will be covered too.

50/50 now at \$115.

Roy Robinson was asked to pull the winning ticket, and he did well at the first step, - his own ticket, but missed on the card trick, - 5 of hearts.