HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 1, 2018

Ed Daly called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Officers Attending: Ed Daly (1st VP), Don Togneri (2nd VP), John Pensec (Treasurer), and Joe Shannon (Sect.)

Ed Houlihan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Remarks and Announcements:

Rev. Bruce Ballantine, interim minister at First Pres., received a check for \$6,500 from the Hobbyists. This is the first of three donations the Hobbyists will make to the Church this year. Rev. Ballantine was very gracious and praised the Hobbyists for their good works and activities.

Don Togneri announced that he will take and dispose of any unwanted weapons Hobbyists may own.

Programs: Don Togneri

After today's meeting Chris Stout, a local historian, will discuss lives of some of the Veterans listed on the Monument at Van Neste Square.

Next month's meeting will be about Camp America.

Membership: Ed Lundell

Three new members were inducted at today's meeting. They were: Ben Ryan (sponsored by Ed Collins), Ray Chuebon (sponsored by Syd. Robertson), and Bill Iolonardi (sponsored by Mike Doherty).

There are 426 Hobbyist members. 102 are in attendance at today's meeting.

Financial Report John Pensec

<u>Date</u>	<u>Active Int. Groups</u>	<u> Trips & Tours</u>	<u>YTD Inc.</u>	<u>YTDexp</u>
1/31/18	\$15,191	\$5,912	\$20	\$1,252

Hobbyists Concerned: Peter Philip

Jim Feeney is in Van Dyke Health Care with dementia and Parkinson's. Hobbyist Joe Vrana passed away on January 19th. Bob Granata, a former Hobbyist ,passed away on January 20th.

Activity/Event Chairmen Reports

Club chairmen should email updated information about their groups' activities to Giancarlo Bisone prior to the end of the month so he can put it on the Hobbyist website.

Three activity chairmen gave reports in which the information is on the Hobbyists' website. In keeping with what was decided when the website was activated, their verbal reports are not included in these minutes. Chairmen from the **Book Club**, the **Dinner/Dances**, and the **Music Lovers** clubs gave such reports.

Bridge – Rick Pascal

The club is off to a good start. Last week there were 19 players.

Golf – Paul Fazio

You can register on the website for next season. So far 70 have registered. The Meadows will keep its price at \$36 per round. The Atlantic City trip is sold out. Indoor winter golf has been active.

Fishing-Bob Morris

Bob Morris is retiring as chairman. Contact Bob if you are interested in replacing him.

Gourmet Cooking –Jim McKeown The club will reorganize in April.

Wine Making – Paul Richert There will be a bottling on March 29th. The group will meet at Graydon at 9 a.m.

Wine Appreciation-Bob Stevenson

This month's meeting will be at Latour's in Ridgewood.

Trips and Tours-Bob Paoli

There is room for two couples on the Mount Airy trip. On extended trips not much has changed. There is room for more on all three trips.

Military History-Tom Heed

The trip to tour the USS Intrepid is set for April 23rd.

Ed Daly adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.



Ed Daly presents check to Rev. Bruce Ballantine.



Induction of three new members.



Chris Stout giving his presentation