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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 18th

**General Meeting
IN PERSON**

**The Great Escape
9450 W. Irving Park Rd.
6:45 pm "Happy Hour"
7:00 pm Call-to-Order**

RSVP to Chuck Cwiakala:
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Monday, August 30th
Board Meeting- 7:00 pm

A monthly news bulletin for the
Chicago Society PNA

Director of Publications
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Brothers and friends,

We have been fortunate now to have great weather, in-person meetings and a successful golf outing. The Board however remains focused on the future and addressing some of the Society's longstanding issues and now unavoidable realities. The future is uncertain and the Board will continue to communicate, through the forum and email, any information or changes related to meetings or activities. As of now we have another in-person general meeting scheduled for August 18th, and I encourage all who are able to attend.

At the most recent Board meeting, the Board discussed the inevitability of having to increase the cost of attending dinner meetings to account for the increased cost of holding them. While conversations on how to do this equitably and effectively continue, the math is undeniable and something must be done. The leading idea is to implement a mandatory payment each meeting for all who attend that meeting, with those funds being exchanged for raffle tickets for some to be determined prize, monetary or otherwise, to be raffled off at the end of the meeting to an attendee. With the added expense of the dinner covered, we would be free to have dinners at various venues and at various price points – as the mandatory payment amount would vary up or down depending on the cost of the dinner to be served at that particular meeting.



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CHICAGO SOCIETY FORUM

Board of Directors

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Adam Konopka

1st Vice President:

Chris Grzadziel

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Chuck Cwiakala

Secretary:

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Jan Plachta

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Ed Wasilewski

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Peter Dykas

Social Activities Director:

Zenon Kurdziel

Director of Outreach:

Ro Matuszczak

Director of Personnel:

Ken Kogut

Director of Publications:

Ted Kozelka

President's Message, continued

The Board is also discussing the potential for having certain general meetings where instead of/or in addition to a sit down plated dinner, we cater food, conduct our business and then play cards afterwards. I am calling on all members to join the discussion with your comments, criticisms and, most importantly, ideas. This is our Society and it is up to us, and within our capabilities, to make it function for us and what we want to do.

I very much look forward to all thoughts and will provide a portion of the agenda of the next general meeting to allow for comment.

Adam Konopka, President, Chicago Society PNA

Chicago Society's Facebook Page

The Social Media Committee has created a new public Facebook page that will be viewable by anyone. We will use this page to make event announcements and promote the work that Chicago Society and Chicago Society Foundation does for Polonia.



<https://www.facebook.com/Chicago-Society-PNA-1450-101631775366877>

Please like and follow the page so that you can receive updates in your feed. Also share the page with the your friends so they can also like and follow our page.

A members only Facebook page has also been created. This site is only for Chicago Society members in good standing. It is a place where we can talk and discuss various topics. To join the members only page, in Facebook, search for "Chicago Society PNA Members". At this page you can click on the "join" button. You will be presented with a couple questions and will need to agree to the rules of the group.

Chicago Society Foundation—Donation to Polish Scouts



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Mr. Thaddeus Makarewicz, President
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July 7th, 2021

Dear Mr. Makarewicz and Members of the Chicago Society Foundation,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of \$4000 from the Chicago Society Foundation to the Polish Scouting Organization of Illinois for two scholarships of \$2000 each for deserving college bound scouts. The two scholarships were awarded to przewodniczka Oliwia Łakomy and ćwik Dawid Cieśla in the fall of 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic. The awards were presented at a Mass celebrated by pastor Andrzej Totzke at Holy Trinity Parish on November 8th, 2020, honoring the 102nd Polish Independence Day.

Oliwia Łakomy is a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago studying Biochemistry. She has been an active harcerka for over 11 years and is now an instructor. Oliwia's scholarship application included the following quote:

"Harcerstwo jest i zawsze będzie wielką częścią mojego życia. Bycie Polakiem za granicą Polski nie jest łatwe, ale harcerstwo zapewnia mi ciągle połączenie do mojej ojczyzny. Przyjaciele, których poznałam w harcerstwie, mają te same moralne wartości co ja i wiem, że zawsze mogę na nich liczyć, a oni na mnie."

Translation: "Polish Scouting is and always will be a big part of my life. Being a Pole outside of Poland is not easy, but scouting guarantees a link to my heritage. Friends, whom I met in Polish Scouts have similar values to me, and I know that I can count on them and they on me."

Dawid Cieśla is a student at DePaul University studying pre-med with a goal of becoming a doctor. He has been an active harcerz for over 11 years as well. Dawid's scholarship application included the following quote:

"Harcerstwo miało ogromny wpływ na moje życie, szczególnie podczas moich lat jako drużynowy. Moja funkcja jako drużynowy nauczyła mnie większej odpowiedzialności i podejście do prowadzenia grupy ludzi."

Translation: "Polish Scouting had a huge influence on my life, especially when I was the scout troop leader. My role as troop leader taught me greater responsibilities and how to be a leader among a group of people."

Thank you again to the Chicago Society Foundation for your support of these two Polish scouts. We look forward to working with in the future.

Czuwaj!

Beata Chodorowska Niebrugge, hm.

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President

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Chicago Society, P.N.A.: Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Held on August2, 2021

At D'Agostino's restaurant, 7530 W. Oakton



1. Call to Order: President Konopka called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Roll Call of Officers and Directors present: Brs. Konopka, Cwiakala, Ciesla, Plachta, Wasilewski, Dykas, Kurdziel,. Absent: Brs. Kozelka, Matuszczak, Kogut, Grzadziel, Haszlakiewicz,. Quorum achieved.
3. Approval of minutes: The minutes for the July 21st General meeting and tonight's Board meeting will be approved at the August General meeting.
4. Correspondence:– (1) Thank you letter from the Polish Scouting Association for our contribution. (2) An announcement from the District 13 Women's Division regarding scholarships. (3)An anonymous letter providing two tickets to the Dzień Polski at Riverview Park from July18, 1926 that the person found in a book purchased at a garage sale. Motion to forward correspondence to the Editor for printing in the Forum made by Br. Ciesla, seconded by Br. Wasilewski. Motion passed.
5. Bills: Bills presented for payment are the Forum printing and mailing to SFI, August issue, \$132.75 and the cost of tonight's meeting. Motion to pay for the bills made by Br. Ciesla, seconded by Br. Dykas. Motion passed.
6. Directors and Officers Reports:

1st Vice-President: Br. Chris Grzadziel was absent – All were asked to call Br. Grzadziel if they had any suggestions for speakers.

2nd Vice-President: Br. Chuck Cwiakala – Our next General Meeting will be at The Great Escape, 9450 W. Irving Park Rd. There are very few venues that could provide dinners at our established budget of \$20 per member. We need to explore other options. Discussion followed on charging a small fee at the door to help cover the cost of the meals if they exceed the \$20.00 past prece-
dence, that is if the meal will cost \$25.00 the member would be charged for the extra \$5.00 cost. This will be a thought for future discussions.

Secretary: Br. Haszlakiewicz was absent. No report

Financial Secretary: Br. Ciesla - report was emailed to board prior to meeting. Total deposits for 2021 amounts to \$36,476.31. Mr. Wiecek is paid to date. He still owes \$4291.04 with 19 payments remaining. We have 92 members, with 3 waived dues. One person is waiting to be inducted. Two members have requested reinstatement and have paid their dues for 2021; Brs. Joseph Bauerle and Frank Spula. This will bring our membership up to 94 members. Motion made by Br. Dykas to reinstate Brs. Bauerle and Spula, seconded by Br. Cwiakala. Motion passed. Br. Cwiakala moved to accept report, seconded by Br. Kurdziel. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Br. Plachta – report emailed to board prior to meeting. Current balance is \$62,461.66. Br. Wasilewski moved to accept report, Br. Kurdziel seconded. Motion passed.

Advocate: Br. Wasilewski – No report

Director of Publications: Br. Kozelka was absent – However please send content for Forum.

Director of Outreach: Br. Matuszczak was absent. – No report.

Senior Director: Br. Dykas – no report.

Social Activities Director: Br. Kurdziel – Br. Konopka reported that the golf outing was successful. We maxed out at 84 golfers. Dinner will have about 95 people. PolVision was there. Good publicity was shown on our Face book page and on YouTube. A total of \$3,718.35 was provided to the Youth Fund from this outing. Many thanks to all who supported the event and to our sponsors. Br. Dykas has reserved Dec. 11th for the Deserving Childrens Christmas Party.

Br. Dykas moved to accept report and pay the reimbursements and bills, seconded by Br. Wasilewski. Motion passed.

Director of Personnel: Br. Kogut – Absent

Social Media Committee: Br. Grzadziel – absent

Custodial Committee: Br. Wasilewski - No report.

Foundation: Br. Ciesla – At the Foundation meeting on 25 July at Colletti's no grant awards were made.

7. Old Business: Br. Konopka updated the Board on his conversation regarding a tax-exempt classification from the Illinois IRS. He is providing additional info to the administrative judge and will have another conversation.
8. New Business: Br. Konopka received an email asking to have their logos on our website; Porch.com was one of the sites. Anyone could click on the logo and go right to the site. This is being referred to Br. Grzadziel for recommendation.
9. Good of the Order: Br. Ciesla reported that Br. Golenia had a debilitating accident at home is recovering after surgery repairing the ligaments in both knees. We hope to see him at the September meeting. Please keep Br. Baczynski in your thoughts as he is having physical problems
10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Br Dykas and was seconded by Br. Kurdziel. There being no other business, Br. Konopka adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted ,

Richard Ciesla

Substitute Secretary

August Anniversaries

Andrew Csoke
Marshall Olech
Ronald Osiol

August Birthdays

Scott Cisek
Marek Kowalczyk
Joseph Kuechel
William Marutzky
Robert Nowaczyk
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