

**October 11, 2012 Minutes
Meeting of the Otsego-Schoharie & Delaware
Masonic Charities, Inc.**

Called to order at 6:45 pm by Director Fred G. Hicken

Opening Prayer was offered by Rick Scheiner

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given

Roll call of members present: Fred G. Hicken, George Sydlar, Bruce Van Buren, Rick Scheiner, Roy Bilby, and Ken Sokolowski.

Minutes from the 18 April 2012 Regular Meeting were read.

Secretary's report

Treasurer's report

Checking	\$5985
Savings	\$3331.56
NBT CD	\$2104.67 at 0.25%
SubTotal	\$11421.23
Bonds	\$10000 e-bond; can be cashed if needed
OES Reserve	\$4300

Insurance rate was raised so changed from Finger Lakes for \$585 to Broome Coop. Insurance in Vestal for \$421.

Sickness & Distress: James R. Forbes is ailing again.

New Business

- Gerarl Kabat is resigning.
- President and secretary to remain
- Scholarships: We did 5 and we can do 5 again.
- We need verifiable 501(c)(3) status for Google to give us access to full Google applications. This would facilitate communication within the districts and our supporters. Bruce Van Buren is creating the web domain www.osdmasons.org to support all of our organizations and members. It will be integrated with the Google apps when available.
- We are not on the IRS list of 501(c)(3) charities. We need to verify status. George Sydlar will send EIN to Bruce Van Buren and Bruce and Alex will investigate.
- George Sydlar said he tried and failed to e-file with the IRS last year and called the IRS.
- Motion was made to submit the by-laws changes requested in 2001 to the State or whatever filing is necessary. Passed.
- Nominations for the next meeting
 - President: Bill Morley
 - Vice President: Richard Morley
 - Secretary: Alex Brannan
 - Treasurer: George Sydlar, Sr.

- The elections committee is looking into the by-laws to make sure that we are following the By-laws in order to elect our new officers.
- Next meeting: February 14 or April 2013. President will do a poll and decide.

Adjournment Prayer was offered by Rick Scheiner.

Adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce L. Van Buren, Acting Secretary for

Alex Brannan, Secretary