

Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors

Chapter One Meeting

November 18, 2009

Happy Chef Restaurant, St. James, MN

Members Present: Joe Haefner, Mike Eichers, Rory Jensen, Janele Fowlds, Peter Blethen, TJ Thill, Perry Zieske, Dennis Esplan, Warren Smith, Peter Jenkins, Jesse Zeig, Gerry Vickerman

Guests Present: Luke Kranz

Guest Speaker: TJ Thill, LS - Mn/DOT District 7 Land Surveyor - Mn/DOT Surveying & ROW Information Resources

Meeting called to order at 5:50 pm by President Joe Haefner.

The minutes from the July 30, 2009 Chapter Meeting were approved as submitted and placed on file.

The Treasurer's report was presented and approved (Current balance being \$1488.28). Janele sent in yearend reports – Chapter One spent \$208.26 more than was brought in last fiscal year.

A motion was made and approved to leave the Chapter annual dues at \$30 for 2009.

The group discussed the current openings at the State level of MSPS. **Anyone interested in volunteering for a position should contact.**

Joe informed the group that nominations and voting was complete for the following MSPS awards:

- Surveyor of the Year – presented to an active member for recent and significant contributions of time and talent to the benefit of the Society.
- William Kelley Award – award given to a member who has contributed greatly to the community.
- E.A. Rathbun Award – presented to an active member who has served the Society over a long period of time in a specific category.
- Special Award – as determined by the awards committee.

Janele reported that the 2010 Trig Star Sponsorship letter went out on October 19, 2009. She plans on sending out school invitations in January 2010. Janele will again try to coordinate the Trig Star volunteer efforts through email rather than having a planning meeting prior to the event. SCC indicated because of budget cuts they may need to charge a rental fee for their facility in 2011. That will need to be considered next year.

The group discussed the 2010 Meeting schedule and approved the following meeting locations and dates:

Friday, January 29, 2010	Chapter Meeting at the MSPS Annual Meeting, St. Cloud
Thursday, March 11, 2010	TRIGSTAR Event in Mankato
Wednesday, March 31, 2010	Chapter Meeting at City Center Hotel, Mankato – Need Guest Speaker
Wednesday, June 30, 2010	Chapter Meeting at Happy Chef in St. James/ Golf at St. James
Wednesday, September 29, 2010	Chapter Meeting at City Center Hotel, Mankato – Need Guest Speaker
Wednesday, December 29, 2010	NO MEETING

It was decided to talk at the January meeting about possible speakers/topics for the 2010 March and September meetings.

The group approved a motion to donate \$500 to the MLS Foundation and a motion to donate \$50 to the MSPS's President Banquet door prize fund.

The group discussed and approved the following slate of officers to serve in the years 2010 and 2011.

President – Joe Haefner
Vice President – Mike Eichers
Treasurer/Secretary – Janele Fowlds

Joe and Mike agreed to try and alternate attending the State Board meetings until a time where Chapter One has an elected representative.

Janele agreed to distribute a PDH form in order to document the attendance of the Chapter Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm



Chapter One Secretary/ Treasurer
Janele Fowlds