

Saturday, May 6, 2000 Meeting Minutes

The May OMLA associational business meeting was called to order by our President, Jerry Casey. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Kenny Lee. Roll call of Officers and Directors was given by Secretary, Nelda Minick. Nelda made the motion that the minutes of the last meeting stand approved as printed in the newsletter. The motion was 2nd'd by Gary Frame. Vice President Mike McGrew thanked our Past President, Lowell Roberts, and our President, Jerry Casey for helping us with all of the duties of an association officer. Nelda Minick stated that there were 21 people in attendance in Kenny Lee's morning safe class. There were 5 in the other morning computer class, given by Paula Sands. The Treasurer's report was given by Loretta Loomis. Motion was made to accept the report by member Jim Loomis, 2nd'd by Johnny Stewart. Our new newsletter editor, Paula Sands reported that all was going well with the newsletter. All information for the newsletter must be received by Paula no later than the 20th of the month for the next month's publication. Education Director, Jerry Rice, said that the Kenny Lee safe class would continue again the a ½ day on Sunday morning. John Reed also gave a ½ day Sunday morning class.

New Business

Paula Sands was officially voted in as a new member of the Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association. Motion to accept Paula as a member was made by Tommy Minick, 2nd'd by Gary Frame. The Free Class Weekend was awarded to Jerry Rice. Odie Tresner and Gary Frame consented to serve as Directors for the upcoming November meeting.

Past Pres. Lowell Roberts told the members present about a new award that was going to be given each year to a very outstanding person for an outstanding performance in the field of leadership and education, and for someone that has helped the association grow in a very special way. This very first award, call the "*Kenny Lee Award*", was presented to Mr. Kenny Lee himself. Kenny Lee taught his very 1st safe class to the OMLA in 1977. Since that time he has taught his class to many other associations around the country. Kenny's last safe class is being held this weekend, and again for the OMLA. It was also noted by Past President, Lowell Roberts, what a very special person Mr. Kenny Lee is, and how he has helped many other locksmiths over the years. The plaque for the Kenny Lee award will be maintained and a new recipient's name will be added to this plaque each year, for the next 48 years.

Vice Pres. Mike McGrew said that everything was going well, and we were all getting ready for the upcoming "Swap Meet" at the August meeting to be held at the Best Western Saddleback Inn in Oklahoma City.

Secretary Nelda Minick told the members present at this meeting that the Medeco Lock Co. had donated a check in the amount of \$150.00 toward our education fund. Nelda also told the members that the directory would be out soon.

Treasurer Loretta Loomis asked for approval of the weekend expenses to be paid. Motion was made the expenses be approved for payment for Odie Tresner, 2nd'd by Lowell Roberts. Expenses were approved by the membership.

Sergeant-At-Arms Johnny Stewart announced that we had over 40 people in attendance this weekend. Nebraska, Kansas, and Texas were represented along with Oklahoma. Johnny also stated that the association had plenty of locksmith videos for the membership to check out.

Education Director Jerry Rice said that we had the Mas Hamilton Power Lever class set up for our next meeting in August. Other ½ day classes would be announced at a later date in our newsletter.

Director Odie Tresner reinforced the greatness of Kenny Lee, and all he had done for our association over the years. Odie stated he learned a lot and really enjoyed Kenny's safe class.

Good of the Order

Past President Lowell Roberts gave an appreciation announcement to John Reed, wholesaler with E.L. Reinhardt, as another great outstanding leader, educator, and teacher in the locksmithing industry.

Bill Reaves announced the September Distributor show of OPLA in Arkansas.

Paula told us about the Nebraska meeting in July, and discussed a little about MINK in September.

Ruben Lopen discussed the Greater Dallas Locksmith meeting & Swap Meet in September.

Gary Frame thanked Paula Sands for her great "step-in" job on the newsletter.

Five lucky people won door prizes at our May meeting.

Odie Tresner made the motion for our meeting to adjourn. Motion was 2nd'd by Gary Frame.

OMLA Secretary, Nelda Minick