The meeting was called to order at 6:45PM on March 21, 2013 by Chairman Reg Parnell.

Self introductions were made by the 43 members, and guests who were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting for January 17, 2013 were reviewed and approved.

Chairman Reg Parnell started the meeting with acknowledgment of the April 1 retirement of Terry Swisher, Chief Plumbing Inspector, State of Oregon. Terry has been with the Cascade Chapter for many years. He has always given the report on what was happening at the state legislature and the Oregon Building Codes Division concerning actions that affect the Plumbing Code. Over the years Terry has made numerous presentations to the Chapter on quite a variety of Plumbing Code related topics. Terry’s vast knowledge of the plumbing trade and the Plumbing Code has been a tremendous resource for the industry in Oregon. The Chapter will award Terry with a dinner cruise for two on the Portland Spirit after he retires.

Chairman Reg Parnell announced that the Cascade Chapter membership dues will be $40.00 annually (it was $50.00).

Terry Swisher gave the state legislative report; Senate Bill 692 is a water conservation and energy conservation bill that was promoted by the Department of Energy. The bill, in part, would lower the standards for plumbing products in the State of Oregon. The problem is the authors of the bill overlooked obtaining input from the Building Codes Division. BCD will be submitting changes to the bill that would maintain current standards. Terry also mentioned the new Plumbing Code is due to come April 1, 2014. BCD is discussing whether or not to maintain the current 3 year code change cycle.

Promotions: The Chapter donated a brand new Milwaukee Power Pipe Cutter to the Cascade Chapter for the meeting raffle.

Chairman Parnell opened up the meeting to questions in a little session he likes to call “Ask an Inspector”. The subject of differing FOG (fats, oils, and grease) rules between the various cities and counties of this State was brought up. Mr. Swisher said that the Building Codes Division is actively enforcing the FOG provisions of the Plumbing Code. Local jurisdictions cannot enact rules that are different from the Plumbing Code. BCD is auditing the various jurisdictions for compliance with the Plumbing Code on this matter.

Chairman Parnell adjourned the meeting at the usual time.
The next meeting will be May 16, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by;
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Secretary