

MONITOR MINUTES - FEBRUARY 12, 1997
Home of Karin Dorey

Informal meeting opened by Art Niemoller at 19:00

ROLL CALL (Present)

Art Niemoller
Brian Stockham
Jillian Stanley
Betty Schoepf
Karin Dorey
Ingegerd Kennedy
Birgitta Ostlund
Russ Ellis
Myrtle Widmark
Margaret Carlson
Kurt Pfannkuch
Eivor Pfannkuch

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

New applications for:

Kenneth Olson
Emily Carlson
Kristi Threlkeld.

Kurt Pfannkuch moved that applicants be accepted for initiation, Myrtle Widmark seconded - motion passed.

Question arose regarding the "Member of the Month" articles that we used to have in Newsletter. We'll bring it up at next meeting. Sign-up sheet will be numbered and a number drawn for "winner" each month.

Art asked about member-interest surveys done some time ago. Terry Tillman had published these. Terry may have a spreadsheet with an analysis.

Eivor reported that new members have expressed an interest in learning Swedish-style cooking.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Birgitta Ostlund reported that there was \$32 left over from "lottery" at Pea Soup Dinner after prizes were paid for. Disposition will be discussed at NOVEMBER meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brochures from Hyatt Lodge were received from District for lodging during April Convention.

Copy of letter and article "The Vasa Order of America: Its Role in the Swedish American Community" sent by Henry Hjersman to Vasa Star. The article was published in a historical quarterly by the Swedish-American Historical Society of Chicago. Henry added some additional historical information on early Vasa lodges.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Art Niemoller asked what had happened regarding keeping a budget. Financial officers will make a recommendation.

Art would like status about the shares that were being sold for purchase of a piece of property for Lodge functions.

Pea Soup dinner brought in \$525.50 of which \$89 was derived from bar sales. Expenses were \$166.00

FUTURE EVENTS

More information about plans for meeting program is desired so members know what information to give out to prospective members. Ingegerd would like information from Chairman and Cultural Leaders about each meeting's program so she can publish in Newsletter.

Margaret asked about what the charge will be for dinner at next meeting. Eivor moved and Kurt seconded a motion that the *standard amount* for all dinners be \$5.00 each for members - motion carried

Myrtle Widmark reported that she and several other members had attended a meeting at CSUS. The University has invited Monitor to provide representation at their International Festival. CSUS will provide facilities for preparing and serving food, and locations for music and dancing. There will be lots of University press to attract the community. Myrtle will need helpers. This takes place during the same weekend as the District Convention.

Lodge needs a list of available volunteers to help out at various functions.

Inez Norling will be 100 years old -- Margaret would like to celebrate this at April Anniversary (85th) meeting -- also 9 pins are due to be awarded. Margaret suggested having some entertainment during the meeting. Dinner will probably be a Swedish-style potluck.

Kurt asked about the Sillfrukost date published in the Program Book as May 17th. Changed to May 31st at 10:00 a.m. -- Notices will be sent so it's published in District Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Art is going to try to keep all reports terse to try to speed the business meetings. Discussion followed on what reports are being generated and why. He would like to keep meetings limited to 45 minutes. Use Newsletters if possible for details. Consolidate routine bills in a standard group so that all individual bills needn't be read prior to a vote.

Lodge will pay the \$20.00 for Eivor to attend the Western Region Membership Seminar.

Margaret announced upcoming 60th wedding anniversary for Elizabeth Johnson and Harry Johnson. The Johnsons plan to bring an anniversary cake to March meeting. Art made motion that Margaret purchase a card and a plant for the Johnsons; Eivor seconded and motion carried.

Art asked for suggestions for possible lodge bus trips, such as a possible trip to the Turlock Scandinavian Festival in late September.

New program books incorrectly show Peggy Carlson and Camilla Caldwell as Children's Club Supervisors (page 7). Page 35 correctly lists Kristi Kagstrom as the '97 Children's Club Supervisor.

BILLS

Read and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Read and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:37

Brian Stockham,