

Vasa Order of America  
Monitor Lodge  
Jan 14 1998  
7:00 pm

1. OPENING OF MEETING  
7:05 BY CHAIRMAN NIEMOLLER

2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN - ART NIEMOLLER  
VICE CHAIRMAN - MARIANNE EK  
SECRETARY - DAVID BENSON  
ASSISTANT SECY. - JILLIAN STANLEY  
FINANCIAL SECY. - KARIN DOREY  
ASSISTANT FIN SECY - INGEGERD KENNEDY  
TREASURER - BETTY SCHOEPF  
PAST CHAIRMAN - MARGARET CARLSON  
CO-CULTURAL LEADER - LAVERNE GULLANS  
HISTORIAN - GAIL NEMY

COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP - DEE BENSON  
FRIENDSHIP- MYRTLE WIDMARK, MARIANNE EK  
MEETINGS - VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS, MYRTLE WIDMARK

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS, NONE  
NEED A NEW CHAIR FOR 98. WE NEED TO STRESS THAT ALL VASA MEMBERS  
ARE "MEMBERS AT LARGE". MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM  
SECRETARY. GET COMPLETE DATA, ESPECIALLY PHONE NUMBER TO ENABLE  
SECRETARY TO COMPLETE APPLICATION, IF NECESSARY, WHEN PROCESSING  
APPLICATION FOR INITIATION.

CHAIRMAN ART ANNOUNCED THAT VICE CHAIRMAN WOULD SERVE AS RESOURCE  
TO COMMITTEES. HE ASKED FOR VICE CHAIRMAN TO MEET WITH MEMBERSHIP  
COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST THEM IN ORGANIZATION FOR 1998 IN  
THE ABSENCE OF A CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED, "NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED NIGHT OF  
INITIATION MEETING." WE NEED TO LEND CREDIBILITY TO PROCESS AND  
APPLICANT.

FRIENDSHIP

DISCUSSION CENTERED ON IMPORTANCE OF COMMITTEE ACTION FOR THE ILL  
AND ELDERLY AND THE APPRECIATION EXHIBITED BY THOSE VISITED  
AND/OR CONTACTED. LOOKING AHEAD, THE DECEMBER PLANTS AND COOKIES  
CONTRIBUTED BY MONITOR MEMBERS PROMPTED BY A NOTICE IN THE  
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN  
ART EXPRESSED THE PLEASURE HE RECEIVED BY BEING INVOLVED.

SCHOLARSHIP - NO MEMBERS PRESENT. 2 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 1997

AUDITORS - NO MEMBERS PRESENT. SECRETARY WILL SEND A REQUEST FOR  
THE AUDITORS TO ARRANGE FOR A MEMBER TO BE PRESENT AT EACH  
BUSINESS MEETING TO EXPEDITE THE PAYING OF BILLS.

VASA STAR - NO REPORT

CHILDREN'S CLUB - ABSENT

CHAPLAIN - NOT PRESENT DUE TO ILLNESS.

HISTORIAN - DISCUSSION: THE REQUEST FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES FOR CONTRIBUTION SEEMS AN OVERKILL IN AS MUCH AS THERE IS AN ASSESSMENT LEVIED EACH YEAR ON ALL MEMBERS OF VASA. 1997- \$308.

FINANCE-TREASURER & FINANCIAL SECRETARY

KEY ITEM: IN THE 1997 YEAR, THE CLUB HAD LEVIES AND EXPENDITURES THAT EXCEEDED INCOME BY \$979.27 THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE IS NOW \$12,306.62. THE SCHOLARSHIP BALNCE IS \$7,072.44, BUILDING FUND BALANCE IS \$3,377.62. IT IS HOPED THAT THE FUND RAISER - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - WILL ASSIST IN ERASING THE DEFICIT IN 1998. TREASURER BETTY GAVE INFORMATION THAT SHOWED THE FINANCES WOULD BE IN A FAR GREATER DEFICIT WITHOUT THE NET INCOME FROM THE KITCHEN. DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE AT OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING, FEB 10. SECRETARY WILL SHARE AN ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND OUTGO.

MEETINGS - VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS. CO-CHAIRMAN MYRTLE INDICATED THERE WAS GOOD PROGRESS ON GETTING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE VARIOUS TASKS INVOLVED IN HOLDING MEETINGS AT WISTERIA HALL, UTILIZING THE PLANNING DOCUMENT GENERATED THIS YEAR. GENERAL CONCENSUS: WE ALL NEED TO CONTINUE TO EXPRESS THE NEED FOR EACH ABLE-BODIED MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE AT ONE MEETING A YEAR.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

THE NEW SECRETARY CAME WITH NO CORRESPONDENCE, BUT RECEIVED A NUMBER OF LETTERS AT ONCE, A NUMBER OF THEM RECEIVED SOME TIME AGO. ALL CORRESPONDENCE NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY IN A TIMELY MANNER. COMMUNICATION IS CENTRAL TO SERVING THE MEMBERSHIP.

POST MEETING SUMMARY;

1. THANK YOUS

- \* HENRY HJERSMAN - CHRISTMAS PLANT AND LUCIA PROGRAM.
- \* SOPHIE SWANSON - GIFT DURING HER CONVALESCENCE
- \* BOB BERGMAN, DISTRICT MASTER - GLOGG & SMORGASBORD PARTY  
KUDOS TO VIKING SINGERS
- \* ERIC JOHNSON, GRAND MASTER
- \* CEDERBLAD, NATIONAL ARCHIVIST  
COMPUTER CD'S AVAILABLE FOR IMMIGRATION DATA  
GOTEBORG 1869-1900  
NORRKOKPING 1859-1919  
HELSINGBORG 1899-1930  
KALMAR 1880-1893
- \* GRAND LODGE CONVENTION, JULY - CHICAGO  
THEME-SECOND HUNDRED YEARS  
KEY DATE MISSED FOR VASA MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUVENIR BOOKKLET, LISTING SPONSORS, MEMORIALS, AND LODGE GREETINGS. SECRETARY HAS COMFIRMED THAT IS STILL POSSIBLE FOR OUR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE. COSTS ARE MINIMAL. (EDITORIAL) MONITOR IS LARGE, ACTIVE, AND LONG STANDING AND SHOULD BE HEARD FROM. LOOK FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- \* FUTURE PLANNING,

FEBRUARY 6 PEA SOUP DINNER  
DRAPE THE CHARTER, MEMORIAL.

CULTURAL PROGRAMS IN 1998  
WILL FEATURE A SWEDISH SONG EACH MEETING

MARCH MEETING INITIATION. CHAIRMAN ART INDICATED THE INITIATION RITUAL WILL FOLLOW LONG STANDING PRACTICE. CONCENSUS - WHAT EVER WE FOLLOW, LET'S DO IT RIGHT. PRACTICE TO PRESENT A RITUAL THAT HONORS OUR LODGE AND NEW MEMBERS.

- \* DIFFERENT DINNER FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS - WILL REMAIN \$5 FOR NOW. FUTURE DISCUSSION!! PERHAPS SOME FEE WHENEVER THE KITCHEN OPENS TO COVER EXPENSE??
- \* PANCAKE BREAKFAST - MARCH 15, WISTERIA HALL, 9AM TO 1PM.  
ADULTS - \$5, CHILDREN - \$3  
ADVERTISE WITH SIGN ON LAWN FOR WEEK BEFORE  
ADVERTISE TO CATCH THE MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYEES  
MARGARET EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE VOLUNTEER BATTER MAY RUN SHORT AS:  
FEBRUARY IS PANCAKE & PEA SOUP SUPPER,  
MARCH IS PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
APRIL IS SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL & GUESS WHAT MONITOR DOES??
- \* MARGARET CARLSON ANNOUNCED THAT MOOSE STEW DINNER IS STILL ON!
- \* CONTRIBUTION - SALVATION ARMY SHOULD SPECIFY SPENT IN SACTREMENTO AREA.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

- \* APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT  
MOTION BY GAIL NEMY, SECOND BY MARIANNE EK, VOTE UNANIMOUS, 13.
- \* APPROVAL - MONITOR DELEGATES TO DISTRICT CONVENTION  
POSTPONED UNTIL FEB 10 MEETING
- \* APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS - MOTION, MARIANNE EK. 2ND BRIAN BY BRIAN STOCKHAM. UNANIMOUS VOTE - 13
- \* APPROVE CHECK SIGNERS - MOTION BY BRIAN STOCKHAM, CONTINUE CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, FINANCIAL SECY AND TREASURER. 2ND BY INGEGERD KENNEDY. UNANIMOUS VOTE, 13.
- \* CONTRIBUTE TO SALVATION ARMY - MOTION, GAIL NEMY, \$100. 2ND BY BRIAN STOCKHAM, UNANIMOUS VOTE, 13.

#### 7. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- \* CONTRIBUTION OF GLADYS STANGL PRODUCTIONS. MYRTLE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH A VISIT AND RECOMMEND SELLING OR RAFFLE.
- \* NEED FOR MONITOR DOCUMENT AND GIFT HONORING A NEWBORN. SECRETARY WILL FOLLOW UP ON DOCUMENT.

I'm sending you all complete minutes, tell me if I'm not on target.  
the new guy on the block