

MONITOR LODGE #218

Minutes

March 6, 1998

Chairman Art Niemoller called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm with a welcome to everyone, and words of appreciation for the moose stew dinner, and the singing of the national anthem.

Chairman Niemoller asked the secretary for the names of persons who had applied for membership, place of residence, sponsor, and name of the membership committee member who signed the application.

13 names were read for membership, two for transfer, and one for reinstatement. 9 members were present for membership, one for transfer (one transferee is away at college) and one person for reinstatement was present.

The voting process was concluded in the affirmative for all 16 persons, and the initiation ritual was conducted for the 11 persons in attendance.

The membership took the following actions:

- \* approved the minutes as printed in the newsletter.
- \* requested the scholarship committee to make a formal proposal regarding age limits for Lodge scholarship eligibility for 1999.
- \* selected delegates to the District Convention  
Art Niemoller  
Don and Joy Carlson  
David and Dee Benson  
alternates, Gail Nemy and Ingegerd Kennedy
- \* gave direction to the delegates to oppose the three resolutions attached.
- \* approved the payment of bills received, including \$300 advance for the Pancake Breakfast, \$200 for the Anniversary Dinner, \$40.52 for replacing kitchen fan, and requested the secretary to send a letter to the Grange for payment of same, representing materials only.
- \* approved a \$7.50 charge for the Anniversary Dinner.
- \* approved the new badge concept and encouraged kurt and Eivor Pfannkuch to proceed.

Dorothy Scherer appealed for volunteers for the pancake Breakfast, March 15, and circulated a sign up sheet.

Myrtle Widmark and Ellen Harrod encouraged members to attend the Scandinavian Festival and assist in various ways. A description of the event and what it has to offer was given by Ellen Harrod, chairperson for the Scandinavian Festival Association.

*David Benson, Sec.*

RESOLUTION 98-01

From: The Executive Board

Amend District By-Laws Article 7:

Rename current section (b) to section (c).

Add new section (b) to read:

The District Meeting in even-numbered years shall be mainly cultural and social in nature. There shall be a business meeting primarily for the purpose of electing officers and for conducting any urgent business as determined by the Executive Board.

Motivation:

Hosting of a District Meeting is a time consuming and costly undertaking and it has become increasingly hard to get a local lodge to do this.

The meeting in even-numbered years should still be hosted by a local lodge, and there would be delegates from all the local lodges.

The details on how to handle costs would be outlined under "Responsibility of the Host Lodge and responsibility of the District". The cost to both the District and the Local Lodges would be lower, perhaps substantially, as compared to the odd-numbered year meetings that would proceed as they do now.

Furthermore, the meeting in the even-numbered year would give us the opportunity to offer more cultural programs. With a cultural seminar, which would be moved to odd-numbered years, this proposal makes cultural exchanges possible in every year, and that is really what VASA is all about. The odd-numbered year District Meeting could offer work-shops, discussion groups, cultural entertainment, videos, etc.

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RESOLUTION 98-02

From: The Executive Board

Amend District By-Laws Article 9 section (a) to read:

The following Officers shall be elected: District Master, Vice District Master, District Secretary, District Treasurer, Assistant District Secretary, District Cultural Leader, District Trustees and District Auditors; the first six (6) by majority vote and the remainder by a plurality. All elections in the District Lodge shall be by secret ballot.

Rename current section (f) to section (g).

Rename current section (e) to section (f).

Rename current section (d) to section (e).

Rename current section (c) to section (d).

Rename current section (b) to section (c).

Add new section (b) to read:

The following Officers shall be appointed by the incoming District Master: District Chaplain, District Master of Ceremonies, Assistant Master of Ceremonies, District Inner Guard, District Outer Guard, District Youth Supervisor, Vasa Star Correspondent, Archives Representative, District Membership Chair, District Historian, District Scholarship Chair, District Newsletter Editor.

Motivation:

This will shorten the time it takes to elect officers and make more time available for culture. Candidates for the officer categories that have been moved to the appointment category now would make their desire to occupy one of those positions known to the Executive Board or the Election Committee that they are available for appointment. The incoming District Master would then select from volunteers that have come forward.

RESOLUTION # 98-03

BE IT RESOLVED to amend District Lodge #12 by-laws.

ARTICLE 24 - ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP.

Section (b), Subsection (2) now reads:

To be eligible for a scholarship the candidate must have been a member of the Vasa Order of America for at least one year prior to application.

Amend to read:

To be eligible for a scholarship the candidate must have been a member of the Vasa Order of America for at least one year prior to application. *The candidate must also be an active and participating member of their local lodge. The candidate must attend at least three(3) meetings of a regularly scheduled local Lodge meeting.*

Motivation: With Vasa's emphasis on continuing membership, it is necessary to encourage our younger members to attend and participate in local lodge meetings. By doing this they learn what the Vasa Order of America is all about. In the past, scholarships have been given out to candidates that have not fully participated in local and District Lodge activities. The scholarship money should be awarded to members who attend and support Vasa and its goals.

*Russell Martin*  
PAST Chairman  
Jenny Lind Lodge #388

CORRESPONDENCE

1. letters of appreciation,

ERIC JOHNSON, GRAND MASTER  
FINE FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND MUSIC AT THE GLOGG CHRISTMAS PARTY.

MARI-ANN HILL, DISTRICT SECRETARY  
FOR THE HOSPITALITY AFFORDED THE 12 FAMILY MEMBERS AT THE FEB.  
MEETING HONORING VERA ANDERSON.

2. PERR CARDESTAM, DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN,  
RECOGNIZED MONITORS CONTRIBUTION TO SA. DISTRICT TOTAL 2295.

3 ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BARBARA OLSON, DISTRICT CULTURAL LEADER.  
SWEDISH COSTUME WORKSHOP--SANTA CRUZ SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL  
CENTER - MARCH 14, 15. VISITING SWEDISH SPECIALIST.  
SEE ME FOR DETAILS.