

Monitor Lodge
Minutes, January 13, 1999
Business Meeting, Harrod home

Chairman Niemoller opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

In attendance were:

Art Niemoller, Chairman
Vice Chairman, Don Carlson
David Benson, Secretary
Gail Nemy, Treasurer
Financial Secretary, Karin Dorey
Chaplain, Helen Jenson
Cultural Leader, Carol Churkin
Past Chairman, Margaret Carlson
Auditors, Kurt Pfankuch, Ellen Harrod
Trustee, Myrtle Widmark
Membership Committee, Dee Benson & Elizabeth Swenson
Scholarship Committee, Dan Backman

Chairman Niemoller welcomed newly elected officers and thanked returning officers for the work of the past year. He indicated feedback from December activities and the Joint Installation of Officers meeting in January was well received; the dance group from Shingle Springs and the dancing that followed was enjoyed by the members.

The minutes of the November minutes were approved.

Membership – The application of Birgitta Coffey was approved.

Old Business: The accounting for the Glogg Party in December is not complete. It is hoped that the Lodge will break even on costs and the \$7.50 charge.

New Business

1. Approved the signing of the lease agreement for Wisteria Hall with the Grange for 1999, same costs. (The secretary will send a letter to the lodge requesting that the hardware on the door to the kitchen be adjusted to facilitate opening and closing. Motion- Ingegerd Kennedy, seconded by Gail Nemy.
2. Authorized the purchase of a grill for frying pancakes, not to exceed \$200. Motion – Margaret Carlson, second, Ingegerd Kennedy.
3. Authorized a petty cash of \$10 for each business meeting to reimburse for refreshments. Motion – Ellen Harrod, second, Helen Jenson.
4. Authorized \$100 draw for supplies, Pea soup and Swedish Pancake Dinner-February. Motion Ellen Harrod, Gail Nemy, second.

Future Planning

1. Chairman Niemoller announced the family of Ed Nelson had requested that the the Lodge drape the charter to commemorate his passing. This will be done at the February meeting. Margaret provided the obituary for the secretary's reading. Margaret will check to see if any family members will be in attendance and if they had any requests for music.
2. Cultural Activities – Carol Churkin presented a number of activities.
 - Music – Singing – at most meetings. Learn the Swedish words. First sung by Don Carlson or choir, then the group. Repeat songs at meetings, build up repertoire.
 - Dancing, continue the activity started at the January meeting. Urge participation at the events in Shingle Springs
 - Contemporary issues in Sweden – 3 minute spot at meetings of current events In Sweden. Programs around economics, politics, and travel with resource people. It was suggested that Carol organize a group of Lodge members to serve as a steering committee and resource group.

Reports:

1. Friendship Committee
 - Christmas poinsettia activity – well received, provided a boost for the elderly and shut ins.
 - Need to do other things during the year. Ellen Harrod working on a plan to recognize 80th and 90th birthdays, also a way of providing support for this same group, especially the shutins, fom members who live in proximity. Ellen feels we need to remember these members more than at the Yuletide.
2. Scholarship – Dan Backman, chairperson, brought material for publishing in the newsletter indicating the scholarship was open for post high school applicants, the same as last year. Secretary Benson researched all the records for Eva Alred, last year's chairperson. A change from the requirement that the application must be a graduating senior was made some 3 years ago. This plan was detailed in writing by Chairperson, Kagstrom. The secretary cannot determine if formal action by the Lodge was made to adopt this change. Chairman Niemoller stated that the Scholarship committee had the authority to determine who is selected, giving priority to the graduating seniors. If the committee wished to have a formal approval for graduating seniors only, they should present the proposal at a future board meeting, which can then be taken up at a Lodge meeting.

Discussion

1. Scandinavian Festival – key issues:
 - Monitor is the largest lodge in the area. By that fact it is expected to carry More responsibility.

- Two key areas, responsibility for the pancake making, and head up the sandwich making, other lodges assist.
- There are many tasks to accomplish
- Specific jobs with written expectancies are needed to enlist support
- Chairman Niemoller stated he would recruit crews for our Pancake Dinner in February, for our own Pancake Breakfast and for the Scandinavia Festival.