

Monitor Lodge
Minutes, February 10, 1999
Business Meeting, Harrod home

Chairman Niemoller opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

In attendance were:

Chairman, Art Niemoller	Chaplain, Helen Jenson
Secretary, David Benson	Outer Guard, James Woodstrom
Assistant Secretary, LaVerne Gilbertson	Past Chairman, Margaret Carlson
Financial Secretary, Karin Dorey	Auditor, Ellen Harrod
Gail Nemy, Treasurer	Trustee, Mildred Widmark
Cultural leader, Carol Churkin	Membership, Elizabeth Swenson

President Niemoller reported that VP Don Carlson was ill and that Newsletter Editor, Ingegerd Kennedy was recovering from a bout of pneumonia.

Chairman Niemoller opened the meeting at 7:03, asking for any action items to be presented for the agenda. The Pea Soup and Pancake Dinner was well attended. The program was well received, by Helge Lind and the singing directed by Don Carlson.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Pea Soup & Pancake Dinner – Margaret Carlson reported a healthy profit, will finalize for the next meeting. The key to profitability is the contribution of pancake batter. Seating for members and 29 guests was a problem and has been an increasing issue for other events. A discussion ensued about speeding up the serving lines. Some suggestions were: more than one serving line when possible; representatives from tables serve from plates directly from the kitchen so that all tables are being served simultaneously (this would also assist individuals finding it difficult to go through a serving line); buffets utilize double lines. The more tables are utilized for serving cuts down on seating and room for seating, however.

Glogg Party – costs exceeded receipts, total tally at next home business meeting.

Joint membership – at the District Board meeting, it was made clear that full Dues are paid at each Lodge and full District and Grand Lodge assessments are paid at both Lodges.

Assessments total \$15.96. The yearly dues are \$18.00. A discussion ensued regarding annual dues, assessments, benefits of District and Grand lodge.

New Business:

Membership – The applications of Helge Lind and Violet Pearson DeBord were approved for membership. Reactivation of member Darlene (Njord) Palmer was approved. Motion, Gail Nemy, 2nd, Margaret Carlson. Secretary Benson reported that installation would include Clyde Waldrop, Michelle Waldrop and Birgitta Kanna-Coffey who were approved earlier.

Floral presentation - Elizabeth Swenson made a motion, seconded by Margaret Carlson that the Lodge purchase and deliver a floral presentation to home-bound members for Easter, approved. Chairman Niemoller urged everyone to send names to Helen Jenson.

Letter of congratulations – Myrtle Widmark made a motion, seconded by Carol Churkin and approved by the group to send a letter of congratulations to Barbro Osher who has succeeded Siri Eliason as Honorary Consul General. Myrtle will provide particulars to Secretary Benson.

Bills – the bills were read and approved in a motion by Carol Churkin and seconded by Helen Jenson.

Moose Stew Dinner – In a motion by Elizabeth Swenson and seconded by Myrtle Widmark, a \$100 draw was approved for Margaret Carlson to purchase food and supplies.

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 March meeting. Secretary Benson will check with the family
2. Cultural Activities – Carol Churkin presented a number of ideas for the coming programs, involving current issues in Sweden, singing and music, the Childrens' Club, and dancing. Appreciation was expressed for the February program.
3. 25, 50 and 60 year pins lists were clarified for ordering by Secretary Benson. All will be presented at the Anniversary Dinner. Special invitations will be sent to recipients.
4. It appears reservations will be needed for the Anniversary Dinner. It will be catered by a Lodge member.
5. Sierra Kronin has volunteered to work with Monitor Lodge in a joint venture if it is decided that Monitor would accept responsibility for hosting the District Convention in 2002 or 2003. Contact will be made to determine the status of sponsorship in the years ahead.

Reports:

1. Friendship Committee
Helen Jenson reported contacts with Astrid Dozer, Tiffany Niemoller, Billye Nelson, and Ingrid Gilchrist

Ellen Harrod presented a list of 10 members in their 90's and 30 members in their 80's as of this year. Interest was expressed to give special recognition on the 80th and 90th birthdays. Ingegerd Kennedy gives special mention in the Newsletter, also.

Scholarship – Eva Allred sent a letter indicating that the Scholarship Committee wanted to award only to graduating seniors. Inasmuch as the policy was never formally changed to drop that requirement from the policy, Secretary Benson will inform the committee that they should proceed with the graduating senior requirement.

Discussion

1. Scandinavian Festival

At the meeting in January, it was requested that specific tasks assigned to Monitor Lodge be identified.

Myrtle Widmark and Elizabeth Swenson attended the latest planning meeting. Myrtle reported the following:

- Scandinavian Sandwiches – Under the direction of Myrtle Widmark sandwiches will be made, including members of other lodges.
- Monitor will be responsible for serving coffee
- Monitor will be responsible for bringing pancake batter and frying the pancakes. Chairman Niemoller will recruit the pancake makers and participate personally.
- The Viking Valley Singers have been requested to sing.
- Managing the craft table sale

Baked goods are needed from all lodges. The bakery in Fair Oaks will again be used to secure baked goods, also.

Note, expenses for materials in baking or pancake batter can be requested.

Ellen Harrod presented a list of By-laws for the festival, which were read, including equal sharing of all lodges in profits after all expenses being paid.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.