

Monitor Lodge
Minutes, May 12, 1999
Business Meeting, Harrod home

Chairman Niemoller opened the meeting at 7:08 PM

In attendance were:

Chairman, Art Niemoller ✓
Secretary, David Benson ✓

Financial Secretary, Karin Dorey ✓
Gail Nemy, Treasurer ✓
Cultural leader, Carol Churkin ✓
Monitor Editor, Ingegerd Kennedy ✓

Chaplain, Helen Jenson ✓
Outer Guard, James Woodstrom ✓
Past Chairman, Margaret Carlson ✓
Auditor, Ellen Harrod ✓
Trustee, Mildred Widmark ✓
Membership, Elizabeth Swenson ✓
Membership Chair, Michelle Kaufman ✓

Chairman Niemoller opened the meeting asking for any action items to be presented for the agenda. He stated that he had good feedback on the Mors Dag Dinner and program, and requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Kristi, Children's Club Leader. He also reported good feedback on the placement of the sound system.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved in a motion by Ellen Harrod, seconded by Helen Jenson. Secretary Benson, thanked Dorothy Scherer for taking minutes and preparing the minutes that were distributed to those present..

Old Business:

Monitor Web Site: Two inquiries were received from the District Lodge about the site not operating. After discussion regarding the factors of keeping information current, the number of times the site is visited, and willingness of Terry Tillman to continue it, Secretary Benson said he would talk to Terry and discuss related issues for further consideration by the Lodge.

District Convention – 2002. The year 2002 coincides with Monitor's 90th birthday. The last time Monitor hosted the convention it was the 80th birthday. Monitor expressed an interest at the District Board Meeting to host the 2002 convention. It is anticipated that Sierra Kronin will assist us. A resolution will be prepared for the June Business meeting regarding this issue.

Special Fund Donation - The project to construct a new altar containing storage for candles, badges, banners used in ritual was discussed. Additional information on designed will be explored.

Children's Room. Following the discontinuance, in June, of the 5 Lodges currently using Wisteria, both rooms will be cleared of unusable equipment and other material. The status of some of the tables and table cart will be discussed with the Grange.

A plan will be developed for the children's room for use by members and guests bringing children.

New Business:

Membership – Michelle Kaufman, membership chairperson, presented the following for membership to Monitor lodge:

Lars Churkin, Kathy Foley, Christina Holm-Bittner, Jean Marie Holmquist, Angus Mac Donell, Christie Peterson, Frank Peterson, Brenda Spanfelner & Brian Anderson. A motion was made by Ingegerd Kennedy to accept these applicants for membership, seconded by Helen Jenson, carried unanimously.

Future Planning

1. Cultural Activities – Carol Churkin suggested a Flag day program for the June meeting. She is planning a program of dance for the Crayfish Dinner to be held at Kenneth and Peggy Carlson's home. Margaret Carlson reported that there is a good sized slab of concrete suitable for dancing. Carol hopes to have a program by a person who will be in Sweden for a time, who can speak of ecology issues in Sweden and the US.
Carol presented an idea regarding the potential for American young people to visit families in Sweden. She was encouraged to continue exploring the idea.
2. Silfrukost – Saturday, 15 at 10:30 am at the Carlsons, Kenneth & Peggy. The telephoning for this event will be handled by Michelle Kaufman, related to potential members. It was felt that the announcement at the Mars Dag Dinner and the newsletter would be sufficient for the membership.
3. Ways to deal effectively with visitors was discussed: Greeters at the door, including a member of the Membership Committee to greet visitors/potential members and seat them by members, who would introduce them to the membership.
 1. Everyone was encouraged to look for the visitor tag, introduce themselves and engage newcomers in conversation.
4. June meeting. We will follow the above procedure with the 11 members to be initiated. These 11 will be asked to meet in the adjacent space near the kitchen, to have the opportunity to meet each other as new members, and then will be brought in to be initiated. The room will be arranged with space left in the middle of the room for the initiation. Tables will be cleared after initiation. There will be no charge for this potluck. A receptacle will be placed at each table for donations, the chairperson will announce that contributions will be appreciated.

Reports:

1. Friendship Committee
Helen Jenson reported sent cards to David & Dee Benson upon the death of David's mother, a wedding congratulation card to LaVerne Gilbertson and Ray, and a card to Ingrid Gilchrist, as well as a telephone conversation.

2. Jim Woodstrom reported that he and Dale Ingvardson were working together to stock the bar and serve drinks.

Discussion

1. Scandinavian Festival
Myrtle Widmark reported that 6 Monitor members attended the follow up meeting which comprised a large portion of the number attending the meeting. Monitor's share of the profits will be \$752.
2. Chairman Niemoller, indicated he would be working with the Trustees to establish an inventory of replaceable equipment.
3. Secretary Benson reported that Vasa is no longer printing the forms for processing and paying bills and that he is working with Svea Lodge and our own appropriate officers to secure forms. The only form available is the membership application available form the District Secretary.

Financial issues:

Elizabeth Swenson made a motion, seconded by Myrtle Widmark, to pay the the bills read by the Secretary, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.