

Vasa Order of America  
Monitor Lodge, No. 218  
Sacramento, Ca Division  
Business Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2000  
Ms. Ellen Harrod's Residence

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I. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Present at the meeting were the following members:

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| * David Benson, Chairman                 | * Arlene Ericson, Secretary             |
| * La Verne Griffith, Assistant Secretary | * Gail Nemy, Treasurer                  |
| * Carol Churkin, Cultural Leader         | * Dorothy Mogford, Chaplain             |
| * Art Niemoller, Past Chairman           | * Myrtle Widmark, Trustee-2             |
| * James Woodstrom, Trustee-3             | * Ellen Harrod, Auditor-2               |
| * Elizabeth Swenson, Auditor-3           | * Margaret Carlson, Kitchen Coordinator |
| * Karin Dory, Member                     | * Ingegerd Kennedy, Monitor Editor      |

II. 2000 Program Schedule:

A. **Date of Anniversary Party:**

The property manager of the Grange, Pat Avila departed and the new manager's name is Jay. Upon conversation with David Benson, Chairman, Jay indicated that the second Friday in April (14<sup>th</sup>) was assigned for another event, but Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> was available.

As a result, a **motion** was made to have the Anniversary Party on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4:30, for refreshments and 5:30 for dinner. **Motion** was made by Art Niemoller, Past Chairman and **seconded** by Dorothy Mogford, Chaplain. The motion **passed** unanimously.

B. **Rummage Sale:**

Discussion of having another rummage sale was brought forth, since the last sale brought in approximately between \$500 to \$600. Suggestion was made to have people bring in items during the Mors Dag Dinner taking place on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and have the rummage sale on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. People can assist in setting up after the dinner, and clean up on Saturday at the end of the sale. *Volunteers will be needed.*

A **motion** was made by Carol Churkin, Cultural Leader and **seconded** by Ellen Harrod, Auditor-2, to have a rummage sale on May 6. The motion **passed**.

III. Lodge Meeting Planning-- March 3<sup>rd</sup>:

A. **Dinner and Assistance:**

Margaret Carlson, Kitchen Coordinator indicated that the dinner menu has been chosen, along with bartender and cooks. *A sign up sheet will be passed out during the meeting for additional assistance for the dinner.*

B. **Carol Churkin- Cultural Program:**

Henry Hansen, Composer of the Gold Country Chamber Orchestra will talk about Swedish Composers and play the piano at the meeting. Dale Ingvarlsen of the Cultural Committee will introduce Mr. Hansen.

**C. Change of organization in entry, membership pins:**

The nametags will be placed inside the hall, rather than in the hall way entry. Hopefully this will reduce traffic as entry is made into the hall.

Registration, meal tickets, drink tickets, meal service and bar service will all be divided in different areas of the hall, at events, so to reduce traffic.

A suggestion was made to have a designated person collect meal tickets during dinner events. It seems that in the past some members have not paid for their meals, or drinks. As a result, this has caused a deficit in the funds for expenses not being covered for the event.

A suggestion was made by Carol Churkin, Cultural Leader to have a bulletin board where upcoming notations, events and announcements can be posted.

**D. Initiation- Meeting to plan roles:**

For the March initiation, <sup>DAVID</sup> Don Benson, Chairman will be getting together with the designated members to discuss the initiation process, along with duties and roles at the meeting.

**E. Drawing, Eivor ready:**

\$ 149.00 was raised through ticket sales to cover the cost for hosting the Convention. A suggestion was made to have Monitor Lodge pay part of the fee, for those members who are interested in attending the convention. *More on this matter will be discussed at a future meeting.*

**F. Approval of minutes cannot be in Newsletter. A " Short Version" is needed:**

It was suggested that a brief reading of the minutes will be conducted at the Lodge meeting, given by Arlene Ericson, Secretary.

**G. Membership Applications to be acted upon:**

The following individuals have showed an interest in becoming members at the Monitor Loge. **Motion** was made by Art Niemoller, Past Chairman to approve the new members into the club (members 1 to 7, 8 to 10 were approved upon in the past meetings). Carol Churkin, Cultural Leader, **seconded** the motion. Motion **passed**.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1- Maria Dahlman-Danish ✓   | 6- Eric Brenmark ✓     |
| 2- Clarkson "Bud" Mogford ✓ | 7- Henrik Vul Hanson ✓ |
| 3- Anne-Marie Reber ✓       | 8- Joan Hagstorm ✓     |
| 4- Terisa Tomka-Swedish ✓   | 9- Bill Johnson ✓      |
| 5- Elsa Herman-Danish ✓     | 10- Mary Ann Lomax ✓   |
- Marie*  
*Theresa*  
*Marianne*

**IV. Preliminary Planning for Anniversary Dinner:**

**A. Type of Dinner:**

Ham dinner will be served. It was suggested to have a catered dinner and give the Kitchen Helpers a day off. Suggestion was also made to charge \$8.00 for the dinner.

**B. Past Chairman:**

In an effort to salute and recognize the Past Chairman's, for the last 3 years, it was decided to have a few words published in a special pamphlet, as well as providing them with a ribbon. As a result

Margaret Carlson will work on the issuing out recognition ribbons, and Don Carlson will work on the write up.

**C. Music; D. Program; E. Reservations Issue; F. Other Special Arrangements: *Items C to F were skipped from the agenda and will be discussed at a future meeting.***

**V. Storage Issue:**

**Report from Trustees:** There is currently a cost of \$45 per month that is paid to Public Storage Management, Inc. In an effort to eliminate the \$45 monthly fee, it was suggested to clean up the back room at Wisteria Hall and move the items from Public Storage into the hall. It was noted at the meeting the Scandinavia Club, the Children's School and the District Library materials are in the storage room. Boxes will be looked at carefully, and unnecessary items will be thrown away. The room can only be used as storage space, per the management of Wisteria Hall. **Public Notice:** Any member who has any items stored in the storage room of Wisteria Hall please remove them, or else it will be placed in the garbage can. If an item needs to be kept, please speak with David Benson, Chairman. Thank you.

**VI. Contribution to Charity:**

Notice was received from Inga-Lill B. Fivian, Vice District Master that the charitable contribution during '99/'00 will be made to a Hospice. After discussions, a **motion** was made by Margaret Carlson, Kitchen Coordinator and **seconded** by Karin Dorey, Member to make a donation to Yolo Hospice. There were two donations, for the total sum of \$150.00. Motion **passed**.

**VII. Alter Cloth:**

The current altar cloth with the Vasa logo is worn out and a new one needs to be purchased. The cost of purchasing a new alter cloth with Vasa's logo is about \$300 and is no longer available for ordering. As a result, the cloth needs to be made with the logo. In order to carry out this process, a computer-generated disc needs to be purchased to make the logo embroidery. The cost is approximately \$125.00 and the club can use the disc to make embroideries for other special events. Therefore, Ellen Harrod made a **motion**, Auditor-2, and **seconded** by Elizabeth Swenson, Auditor-3 for Margaret Carlson to purchase the computer disc for \$125.00. Motion was **passed**.

**VIII. Reports of officers and Committees:**

**A. Cultural Committee: Carol Churkin**

1. Carol noted that a Chairman, as well as a sub-committee is needed for the Mid-Summer Event. *Therefore volunteers are needed.*
2. Carol announced the upcoming Norwegian Musical Event, by Sarah Granskou, will be held at Marysville Snow Show ~~Tompson 78 Lodge~~ and at the Ube City First Lutheran Church. For more details, please contact Carol.
3. Carol announced that there would be a film group meeting on Friday to view the Scandinavian journey to Ellis Island. For more details, please call Carol.

**B. Chaplain: Dorothy Mogford**

The shut-ins of the Monitor Lodge appreciate the plants, flowers, and other items that are taken to them. However, *donations need to be made for this charitable service to continue.* As a result a suggestion was made to place a collection basket at the meetings.

**C. Monitor Editor:** Ingegerd Kennedy

*Flyers for the Swedish Pancake Breakfast are made, please pass them out to family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.*

**D. Newsletter Issue:**

Margaret Carlson, Kitchen Coordinator informed the committee of an elderly member, by the name of Fay Powel, who has not been receiving her newsletter. During the discussions, some committee members were indicating that Fay Powel has not paid her dues for the newsletter and membership, while others indicated that she had. As a result, a **motion** was made by Art Niemoller, Past Chairman to send Ms. Powel the Monitor Newsletter without cost. Carol Churkin, Cultural Leader, **seconded** the motion. Motion **passed**.

**E. Ritual Books:**

Some Committee Officers were asking for their ritual books and training sessions. Some ritual books have not been returned, or are missing, and others are very old. Some members also felt it would be advantages if past officers can train the new counter part officers. *These issues will be discussed at a future meeting.*

**F. Secretary:** Arlene Ericson

The District Secretary, Brigitta Kellgren noted that Elsa Fleetwood Memorial Funds, as noted on page 56 of the constitution for the Grand Lodge are available for the Cultural Leader and the Youth Leader. *For more information, please see the secretary.*

*The District Secretary also noted other announcements in her memo, which will be discussed at a future meeting.*

**IV. Good of the order:**

**A. New Addresses:**

*not needed.*  
New addresses have been published in the Monitor Lodge Newsletter. Notation was made that Evelyn Anderson has a new Address.

**B. Scholarship Committee:**

As of this meeting, the committee has not received any nominees. *Please encourage students to apply.*

**C. Raffle Tickets:**

The Skogen Lodge is having the convention and raffle tickets are being sold for \$1 each, or \$ 5 for a book of 6. *Please support the convention.*

**D. Scandinavian Festival- Help needed:**

*Program Chairman is needed, as well as volunteers to help out with the set up, clean up, food preparation, etc.* There will be 3 new dishes introduced, and a new pie. A small card will be made to identify each food item.

**E. Suggestions:** Arlene Ericson, Secretary

Video tape events for shut-in members; create an Events Coordinator to plan group trips to places, movies, etc. *These ideas will be discussed at a future meeting.*

**X. Payment of Bills:**

A **motion** was made by Myrtle Widmark, Trustee-2 and **seconded** by Elizabeth Swenson, Auditor-3 to pay all the bills that were submitted up to February 15th. Motion **passed**.

**XI. Treasure's Reports:**

Gail Nemy, Treasure read off the Lodges financial reports and submitted in the Treasurer's Report to the Secretary, Arlene Ericson.

**XII. Adjournment:**

Arelne Ericson, Secretary, made the **motion** and **seconded** by James Woodstrom, Trustee-3 to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion **passed**.

**Scandinavian Festival Association of Sacramento**  
**MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 14, 2000**

1. The November 15, 1999, minutes were handed out and were approved as written.
2. The meeting was chaired by Raye Brown, Sierra Kronan Lodge.
3. The treasurer, Jim Smith, reported a current bank balance on hand of \$3,465.34.
4. Scott Matthews sent out vendor letters in January, requesting replies by March 14. So far, seven tables have been sold.
5. A Viking camp reenactment will be presented at the festival by the Klan of the Axe, of which Eleanor Matthews is a member. The performers will be wearing realistic costumes, will answer questions, and will have a few craft items either for sale or for order. This presentation will be written up in the program.
6. Everyone who will need supplies were asked to provide a list with sizes or other specifics to Kathy Matthews.
7. People are needed for Friday night setup.
8. Raye Brown, the festival coordinator, will need lists of volunteers with their phone numbers.
9. Finlandia is bringing a video.
10. Numbers for the craft tables will be drawn at the April meeting.
11. Myrtle Widmark will talk to Louise Sims about the loan of portable refrigerators, suggested by Louise' son who is in the catering business. We have not had adequate refrigerator space at recent festivals.
12. Raye Brown and Kathy Matthews will be attending a \$150 class in March, making them Board of Health certified food handlers.
13. The decision was made to replace the salami sandwiches with meatloaf sandwiches and to add the following dishes:
  - Finish rice and bread Karelian Pie
  - Swedish cheese cake (served at the berry whip table)
  - Danish sausage with red cabbage (possibly served at the same table as Viking on a Stick)
14. For the March meeting, Eleanor Matthews will prepare proposed price lists with food descriptions.
15. Ellen Harrod resigned as program chair. Ellen agreed to ask Kurt Pfannkuch if he is willing to serve as Master of Ceremonies again. She will also let Marianne Ek know that the Valley Viking Singers are invited to sing the national anthems and other songs.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Kennedy

Chaplain's Report - 2-4-00

Ellen Herting: in Casa Coloma Health Care Center. Will visit her next week.

#117 Esther Moscher: lost her husband last year. is living at 641 Feature Dr, Sac. 95825 Will visit her in 2 weeks. Card sent.

Charles Badgley: still need round the clock assistance. Card was sent 2-2-00

Birgitta Ellis: is doing much better. Has shingles. Said she plans on coming to meeting 2-4-00. Sent a card.

Evelyn Anderson: is in U.C. Davis Hospital on Stockton Blvd. Is said to be spitting up blood. Card sent 2-2-00

Thelma Range: Injured in auto accident. Not able to reach her by phone, so hope she's up and about.

Helen Jensen: - dislocated shoulder. Up and about, but must be careful.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Dorothy Mogford, Chaplain