

**Vasa Order of America
Monitor Lodge, No. 218
Sacramento, Ca Division
Business Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2000
Ms. Ellen Harrod's Residence**

- I. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order. Present at the meeting were the following members:
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| * Don Carlson, Vice Chairman | * Joanna Benker, Financial Sec |
| * La Verne Griffith, Assistant Secretary | * Gail Nemy, Treasurer |
| * Dorothy Scherer, Historian | * Myrtle Widmark, Trustee-2 |
| * James Woodstrom, Trustee-3 | * Ellen Harrod, Auditor-2 |
| * Margaret Carlson, Kitchen Coordinator | * Art Niemoller, Past Chairman |
| * Ingegerd Kennedy, Monitor Editor | |
- II. **Reading of the Minutes:** Minutes were not read, since it was published in the April Newsletter.
- III. **New Membership Applications:** No applications have been received. Installation of the next membership will take place in June.
- IV. **May 5th:**
- A. **Lodge Meeting:** The next Business Meeting will take place May 5th. The same day as the Mors Dag Dinner.
- B. **Cultural Program:** Carol Churkin has a special event set up with the Children's Group of the Lodge.
- C. **Mors Dag Dinner:** In honor of Mothers Day, the men will be in charge of making the meal.
- V. **Rummage Sale:** Members are encouraged to bring items for the sale on Mors Dag Celebration. The sale will take place Saturday, May 6th. *Volunteers for this event are needed.* Myrtle Widmark has volunteered to coordinate the rummage sale. The phone committee Will be contacting members for work, donations of sale items and backed goods. Dorothy Scherer will be in charge of advertising for the event. The set up for the event will take place on May 5th, right after the completion of the Mors Dag event. Items that are left over after the sale will be donated to the Salvation Army, for the Lodges yearly donation.
- VI. **Storage Issue:** The Lodge will not be renewing its contract for its storage needs with Public Storage. Instead the items from the Public Storage Unit will be stored in the Storage Room at Wisteria Hall. The Trustee will review the contents of the storage unit. All items container will be emptied in the storage room, except any items of historical interest.
- VII. **District Convention:** Don and Joy Carlson will attend in place of David and Dee Benson to the District Convention. David's illness prevents him to attend. Other Lodge Delegates attending the Convention are Michael Churkin and Elizabeth Swenson. The Lodge will provide \$50.00 to each member attending the Convention for expenses. The District will pay for mileage. The Cultural
Leader,

Carol Churkin will prepare an exhibit showing Lodge activities, such as
Children
Club, etc.

VIII. Reports of officers and Committees:

A. Cultural Committee: Carol Churkin

* Carol needs to know if there is any interest from Lodge members who would like to go on a group tour to IKEA . The store is located in Emeryville.

* Norway Day Celebration will take place May 6th and 7th at Fort Mason in San Francisco.

* Sweden Day plans were discussed, and the decision was made to have a gathering at Micke Grove Patch on June 3rd. Monitor Lodge will choose an attendant if Reno Lodge does not have one. Britt O'Grady will conduct a ring dance. Julie Anee will demonstrate rosemaling and dala maling. Eivor Pfannkuch will demonstrate the making of garlands. One of the women who makes crafts from straw may be also available from the Wheat Woman Society.

* Midsummer Celebration will be held on June 24th. This will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Churkin at the Meridian. It will be a potluck event. Lisa Bleasdale will be in charge of decorations of the magstang and circle dancers. Tom Anderson has the pole. Carol Churkin will submit a newsletter item on the event.

B. Chaplain: Dorothy Mogford

*Lists of member names were read off whom were going to receive Easter flowers. The flower expense has been mostly funded by member donations.

* Myrtle Widemark reported a visit to Viola Hallen and noted older members need to be visited often than just at Christmas and Easter. A suggestion was made by Don to draw up a list of older members to be visited and distribute it to the Lodge members.

IV. Good of the order:

A. Cultural Seminar: The District Cultural Seminar will be held on October 7th. The district will pay for the rent of Wisteria Hall.

B. Thank you letter: A letter of thanks to the relatives of Ted Olson for the donations of the records are needed.

C. Minutes: The minutes were taken by Dorothy Scherer.-Thank you.

X. Payment of Bills: The bills were granted and paid.

XI. Business Meeting: The next meeting will be held on May 16th.

XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

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Chaplain's Report

April 14, 2000

First, I would like to report that your contributions to our shut-ins for Easter plants came to \$24.00. Thank you so much. We still have the little Easter basket at the membership I. D. table, and in as much ^{as} the cost for these plants will probably run about \$100.00, we'd appreciate an extra quarter or two if you can spare it. We have 21 deliveries to make.

Thelma Badgley fell and really hurt herself, but is now up and about. Was happy to see her at our breakfast.

Tom Center is having both knees replaced

Lucy Kahlberg is in a wheel chair, & unable to do much of anything. Will give her an Easter plant & card.

Cecile Spencer is still in a convalescent home - will give her a plant & card also.

Michael Churkin had surgery, and is recovering. Sent a card and 'phoned him.

Respectively submitted,
Dorothy Mayford, Chaplain