

Monitor Lodge #218
Minutes
Meeting October 3, 2003

The meeting was called to order by chairman Ed Netzel after the Norwegian dinner and entertainment. Roll was called. Several Board members were absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

Jack Larson's committee did an excellent job making dinner for the Lodge. His neighbor Lois Erickson made the lefsa and she isn't even a member of Monitor. The Norwegian men's chorus provided the entertainment. The men were accompanied by the piano and cello. The entertainment was excellent.

Our special guests were District Master Barbara Olson and her husband Chuck Olson. They are on their way home to Scott's Valley from their summer in Wisconsin. Barbara was secretary for the District for three years and Cultural Leader for the District for several years. She is stressing culture programs in her year as District Master. She feels Scandinavian culture is what interests most of us. With good cultural programs we should be able to obtain and maintain new members. Barbara suggested we make our announcements before the cultural program. She noticed that by the time we got around to making announcements, many members had left the hall. (A good suggestion.)

Barbara emphasized the fact that if we have any problems, questions or criticisms of the District, please call or send an email to her. She will be more than happy to answer any questions or comment on new ideas.

Barbara reminded us of the Casino Bus Trip fundraiser for the District on November 1. October 18 is the Sweden Day Planning Committee Meeting. Changes need to be made to our Sweden Day fest. Only a few members attended last June. June 5th is Sweden Day next year. The District Convention will be held in Scotts Valley at the Hilton Hotel again this year. The Convention is always the last weekend in April.

Chairman Ed said that due to the long meeting we would hold an initiation at the November meeting instead as scheduled in October.

New officers were elected for next year. Dale Ingvaridsen, a member of the committee, read the nominations. The following were elected.

Chairman	Ed Netzel
Vice Chairman	Dale "Wilbur" Ingvaridsen
Secretary	Vacant
Assistant Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Margaretha Logus
Financial Secretary	Margaret Carlson
Assistant Financial Secretary	Myrtle Widmark
Cultural Leader	Oskar "Don" Carlson

Chaplin
Master of Ceremonies
Assistant Master of Ceremonies
Historian
Inner Guard
Outer Guard

Dorothy Scherer
Dorothy Mogford
Bud Mogford
Shirley Thrasher
Leisma Krastins
Mike Churkin

Trustees: Jim Woodstrom
Jack Larson
Charlie Rea

Auditors: Don Johnson
John Wright
Elizabeth Swenson

Elizabeth Swenson made a motion that we accept the nominees for office for next year. Donna Neimoller seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Marty Gehrig is retiring December 31, 2003 from creating the newsletter. She has done a great job for Monitor for several years. Many thanks to Marty from the members of Monitor. She was a new member when she volunteered to help but ended up creating the letter every month. Do we have any members, new or old, who would be willing to take over this very important job for Monitor Lodge? Please call Chairman Ed if you can help with the newsletter.

Chairman Ed made note of the fact that Nal och Trad have done a lot to help Monitor Lodge. In past years they have contributed a total of \$2,351.65 to help defray some of the costs of Monitor Lodge and it's members. An example: Last year for the District Convention in Sacramento they contributed \$10 toward each Monitor member's Saturday night banquet cost, or a total of \$500.00. Nal och Trad members are always working on ways to raise money for Monitor Lodge. They sell their hand-made items at the Scandinavian Festival and at Lodge meetings. They contribute items for raffles for raising money at dinner meetings for the Lodge. They put together a fantastic cookbook and sold many copies to help raise funds for the benefit of Monitor Lodge. Everyone is welcome to attend their meetings. They meet once a month at a member's home, bring a lunch and work on projects to sell to benefit Monitor Lodge. These are hard working members. We very much appreciate the work they do for Monitor.

Jack Larson reminded everyone coming to the November meeting to bring "finger food" for the Kaffekalas. The meeting starts at 7:00 at Wisteria Hall.

Jack Larson needs a lot of help for the December Smorgasbord och Glogg Party. Is anyone willing to volunteer to be chairman? Jack will not be able to attend but will help organize the party. We need a lot of cooks who can make the special foods we have at the Smorgasbord. Jack will have recipes if they are needed. Please call Jack or sign up at the November meeting.

It is questionable whether or not we will have the December Lucia Fest on December 7. The children's club has disbanded. The children are usually the center of this popular Fest. Contact Chairman Ed if you have any ideas or can help organize the Lucia Fest. It was suggested we have an adult Lucia as we have done in the past.

Myrtle Widmark and Dorothy Scherer announced that Rae Brown has been ill and in the hospital recently. She is a member of Sierra Kronan and the Chairman of the Sacramento Scandinavian Festival Committee. Rae may not be able to chair this important event this coming year. Much help is needed to plan the Scandinavian Festival. If any Monitor member can help, please attend the Festival meeting on Tuesday Oct. 21. Call Myrtle Widmark, Dorothy Scherer, Margaret Carlson, Elizabeth Swenson or Gail Nemy if you would like a ride or directions to the meeting.

Myrtle Widmark announced a Scandinavian Dinner on November 15 at the International House in Davis. The Swedish, Norwegian and Danish groups are responsible for cooking and serving the dinner for approximately 80 people. Please call Myrtle if you can volunteer to help.

Myrtle has some Swedish 2004 calendars, Swedish cheese slicers, refrigerator magnets with the Swedish prayer and luggage tags with Scandinavian flags available for sale

John and Jewel Wright and our new members the Muellers will host the Swedish table at Heritage Day at UC Davis.

For the Record, Treasurer, Margaretha Logus asked to change the process for paying bills, a process she feels is cumbersome. Margaretha will collect the bills, have the person presenting the bill fill out an 8 1/2 x 11 form that she has created and write the checks, thus eliminating the Secretary from the process. She also asked to eliminate the reading of the individual bills. There was no dissent and no vote.

Margaret Carlson, Financial Secretary, reported a total of \$672.50 was received for the dinner this evening.

Respectfully submitted in truth and unity,

Gail Nemy
Secretary