



MONITOR LODGE
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, September 7, 2018

5:30 pm - Social hour

6:34 – Chairman Chuck Johnson called the meeting to order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Opening Song
- Chaplain's opening prayer (Kurt filled in for Birgitta)
- Several visitors were introduced: Margaretha Logus (former Monitor member considering rejoining) Stu and Suzanne Linne (Joyce and Tom Willow's friends), Curt Stoffel (Hank Stoffel's son) and Oscar Carlson (former Monitor member now residing in the Bay Area). Note: Mary and Brody Choy arrived later in the evening and submitted their application for membership.

7:00 pm – Chairman Chuck Johnson said grace and the “Make Your Own Smörgåsar” meal commenced.

7:30 Started business meeting

- Minutes from the June meetings published in our Monitor Lodge July newsletter. It was motioned we accept minutes as printed, seconded and motion passed.
- Scholarship committee – brief discussion of previously circulated proposed updates to scholarship program bylaws. Scheduled to vote at November meeting.
- Brief discussion of previously circulated proposed draft policy regarding meal fees to charge at lodge events.
- Reminded attendees that we have elections for our 2019 officers at the November meeting and are working on filling out the slate of candidates. Reminded incumbents to let Mark Delle know if they were **not** able to stand for election for 2019.
- The only correspondence received was a thank you letter from Golden Gate DL #12 thanking Monitor Lodge for their help and donation of centerpieces for the recent Grand Lodge convention held in Sacramento. Yvonne Magneheim and Karin Johnson were thanked by name.
- Prompted by recent research in Monitor records, Arlie Veis made a motion to donate \$100 to VASA Archives. The motion was seconded by DeeDee Dahlberg and a brief discussion ensued. Kurt Pfannkuch provided some background on the transfer of Golden Gate Recreation funds to the Archives. The vote was called and the motion did **not** pass.
- Due to absences of several officers, no Financial report was available. Johanna Benker, treasurer, did report that our bank accounts are still in good shape with about \$20,000 “in the bank.”
- Receipts for reimbursement for approximately \$330 were presented and approved for payment by the membership.
- We took in \$350 for dinners and an additional \$95 in donations from the bar
- A proposal to consider expanding the Julbord to the larger IOOF Hall room ensued. The estimated rental costs would be about \$1200 for both rooms plus cleaning fees. The need for more volunteers to work was mentioned. Historical perspective was also brought up where in earlier years the attendance was in the 300 range but the Julbord was Monitor's principal annual fund raiser. A few other pros and cons were discussed but a final decision was deferred until the October meeting to allow for more member input.

Upcoming events:

- October 5, 2018 (Friday) – Potluck Dinner - \$10.00 per person, Nomination of 2019 Officers, Cultural Program

- November 2, 2018 (Friday) – Kaffekalas – election of 2019 officers and voting on scholarship and meal fee items
- Scandinavian Festival 2019 planning committee meetings are resuming with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th.
- Sierra Kronan extended an invitation to join them at their Monday , September 10th meeting to hear Victoria Fedor-Thurman’s genealogy and Swedish costume presentation.

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- Chuck Johnson offered some guest passes to the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle.
- Donna Niemollar has a new grand daughter.
- Barry Moore announcing the upcoming Fall folk dance class schedules and invited people to give the classes a try as most of the classes are geared to novices.
- Will Hanly spoke briefly about the Swedish language classes led by Dick Baldwin. Lots of fun learning experiences but they can really use a native Swedish language speaker in the class.
- Noted that the evening’s desserts were provided by Boy’s Bakery – Joe Luna’s enterprise.
- It was announced that Don and Joyce Johnson are doing well ibut would like to hear from Monitor members if they are in the area.

“**Ja må han leva**” was sung for July, August and September birthday members

Chaplain’s closing prayer – Will filled in for Birgitta

Adjourned at about 8:10

8:15 pm - Cultural presentation - “Background on the VASA charter artwork.”

Respectfully submitted by Gail Kinkennon and Chuck Johnson, filliing in for Yvonne Magneheim, Recording Secretary