



MONITOR LODGE #2
Minutes of the Meeting
Friday, November 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Chuck Johnson. Thirty eight members and guests were in attendance.

The Charter was draped for Lillian Stafford. Lillian was a 75 year member of Vasa and a 60 year member of Monitor Lodge. Arlie Veis made a motion that the Lodge make Lillian a Lifetime member of Monitor, posthumously, because of all of her previous work with Monitor Lodge. Motion approved.

Special guests and visitors were introduced. Sven-Ove Westberg, Past District Master (PDM) and his wife Rose-Marie visiting from the Bay Area, present DM Ed Netzel, PDMs Arlie Veis and Kurt Pfannkuch and Darin Freeland, Chairman of Sierra Kronan Lodge #737.

Elizabeth Swenson made a motion to approve the October 4 minutes, seconded by Ed Netzel. Motion approved.

Scholarship Committee - Chuck mentioned members might make an extra contribution with their dues to the scholarship fund.

Nål och Tråd - Karin Johnson is asked to make a report on at the January meeting.

Sunshine Committee – nothing to report.

Financial Secretary Anita Nord - November report:

Dinners:	Kaffekalas
Drinks:	
Dues:	\$35
Initiation:	\$20
Miscellaneous:	

TOTAL **\$55**

Treasurer Brian Horsfield – bill from Chuck Johnson for eight rolls of plastic for tables \$114.83. Johanna Benker made a motion to contribute \$100.00 to the Food Bank. Elizabeth Swenson seconded the motion. Arlie Veis made a motion for the Lodge to contribute \$100.00 to the scholarship Fund in memory of Lillian Stafford Elizabeth Swenson seconded. Motion to pay the bills approved.

Old Business:

Ed Netzel made a report from the committee for next year's programs. Some dates need to be clarified and meeting dates changed. Lucia will be on December 11, 2020. Ed will make corrections.

Ed will put together "cook teams" for next year's events. All members need to volunteer for a date to help with the kitchen. Members will be called if not enough members volunteer.

Election of Officers for 2020: Nominations were:

Chairman, Chuck Johnson

Vice Chairman, Ed Netzel

Recording Secretary, Yvonne Magneheim

Assist Recording Secretary, Gail Nemy

Financial Secretary, Anita Nord

Asst. Financial Secretary, Joyce Willow

Treasurer, Brian Horsfield

Cultural Leader, Charlie Rea

Co-Chaplains, Will Hanley and Larry Woodward

Master of Ceremonies, Alex Hopkins

Asst. Master of Ceremonies, Mark Delle

Guard, Alex Hopkins

Trustee (three years), Johanna Benker

Auditor (two years), Karin Johnson

Scandinavian Festival delegates (two), Will Hanley and Larry Woodward

Sweden Day representative, no nominees

Since there were no more nominations, Elizabeth Swenson moved to close the nominations Alex Hopkins seconded. Motion carried. Marianne Ek moved to elect the slate by acclamation, Johanna Benker seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Arlie Veis recommended a committee to write new Bylaws for Monitor. Arlie made the following motion:

" That MONITOR LODGE shall construct a new set of by-laws.

(1) They shall be composed by a By-law committee appointed by the Chairman.

(They should be in compliance with the Grand Lodge constitution as revised July 2018.)

(2) They should then be presented to Monitor Lodge Membership for approval having been inspected or read at one meeting and a copy sent to all members prior to the next business meeting at which time the vote may be taken. Then be sent to Golden Gate District #12 for approval. After approval they will be sent to a printer for at least 4 copies to be printed. "

Arlie's rationale is that in as much as no printed copy of any past bylaws for Monitor Lodge has been found we should get on solid ground again with a new set. If we did find one it would probably be outdated and would have to be revised in accordance with the revised edition GL July 2018. The motion received multiple seconds and was passed with no dissenting votes. Arlie Vies, Kurt Pfannkuch, Ed Netzel and Brian Horsfield were appointed to be the Governing Documents Update committee.

2. Peggy Carlson made a report on the history of the Julbord. This year Peggy Carlson, DeeDee Dahlberg Eivor Pfannkuch and Anita Nord will be in charge of the four food tables.

Peggy is asking for new members to volunteer to take over the running of the Julbord since the same ladies have been doing this for many years. It is time for new members to learn how the Julbord is done. The present members of the committee will act as mentors to new volunteers.

Good of the Order :

Julbord is Saturday, Dec.7 at 5:30 P.M. Send your checks to Meribeth Bean at her Oakland address, \$25.00 for members \$30.00 for members' guests and \$35 for non-members. All the information is posted on Monitor's website and reminder flyers will be mailed/emailed shortly.

Darin invited Monitor members to attend Sierra Kronan's meetings.

Sven Ove Westberg (PDM) announced the creation of a Golden Gate District #12 Swedish genealogy group. He gave us information on the project and invited interested members to come to meetings and learn about their family history. A sign up sheet was passed to members. More information will be disseminated via emails and web notes soon.

Happy Birthday was sung to the members who have birthdays in November.

Meeting adjourned.

Cultural Program: Brian Horsfield gave us the history of "No gasoline in Sweden during WWII." Gengas, a complicated method of wood fuel for vehicles, was invented in Sweden during the war to augment the extremely limited supplies of gasoline for civilian use. The presentation became personalized during the Q&A when Eivor Pfannkuch told the audience about her family's experiences involving Gengas and travel challenges. A very interesting bit of history.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Nemy
Acting secretary