



Monitor Lodge #218
Business Meeting (Zoom)
Friday, September 10, 2021
6:30pm

OPENING OF MEETING

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting at 6:30pm which was preceded by a 6 pm social hour. Following, the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Cultural Leader, William Hanley.

INTRODUCTION OF GRAND LODGE & DISTRICT OFFICERS AND OUT OF TOWN

MEMBERS:

- Ed Netzel, Grand Lodge Executive Member, Western Region and a dual member of Monitor Lodge #218 and Sierra Kronan Lodge #737.
- Tore Kellgren, PGM, PDM
- Birgitta Kellgren, PDM
- Brian and Jill Stockham, Monitor Lodge members who now live in Idaho.
- Orville Voxland, Monitor Lodge members who was in Minnesota
- Elizabeth Swenson Miura, Monitor Lodge members who was in Wyoming

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Andy & Lollie Hopkins
- Barbara Pattow
- Brian Horsfield
- Chuck Johnson
- Charley Rea
- DeeDee Dahlberg
- Peggy Carlson
- Sandra Kesler
- Will Hanley
- Larry Woodward
- Joyce Willows (via phone)
- Yvonne Magneheim

AGENDA

Reinstatement of Former members – None
Application for Membership – None
Introduce and initiate new members – None

OPEN BUSINESS MEETING.

- a. Minutes from the last business meeting, June 4, 2021, were included in the 2021 June newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Membership** – Yvonne Magneheim – New Member from Fylgia Lodge, Victoria Peterson reinstated
- b) **Cultural** – Charley Rea – Asked for volunteers to present short presentations at the end of each meeting.
- c) **Scholarship** – Committee is working on new guidelines with input from membership. Final draft to be completed by the end of the week.

- d) **Scandinavian Festival** – If you have old records of previous festivals, please let Chuck know. Festival will be held on March 19th. There will be no Friday night set up, which will be challenging for the group. First festival planning meeting will be in October.
- e) **Children’s club and Nål och Tråd** have no recent activity.
- f) **Bylaws Committee** – Progress has been delayed by Covid. Chuck to get with Arlie Veis to set a meeting date to finalize.

OLD BUSINESS - None

READING OF CORRESPONDANCE – Yvonne Magneheim

Grand Lodge Secretary, Joanie Graham send a letter to all lodges from the Grand Lodge Convention host committee requesting assistance in form of donations, member attendance and purchased ads.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE EVENTS

- a) Friday, September 3rd – Zoom meeting due to Covid challenges/Nominating committee to prepare a list of candidates.
- b) Friday, October 1st (**subsequently changed to October 8th**) - more details to follow.
- c) November, December meeting to be finalized. Julbord and Lucia are still tentative.
- d) Peggy and DeeDee suggested a potluck for the Julbord with members being assigned a table.
- e) DeeDee gave a short presentation of the evolution of the Smorgasbord and Julbord beginning in 1912 to present day and described tables 1 and 3.

REPORT FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Anita Nord (absent)

- a) IOOF Storage rental from April through September automatically paid (\$300.00)
- b) Kraftskiva income from August 14th:
 - a. 34 dinners at \$5.00 each \$170.00
 - b. Beverage Donations \$115.00
 - TOTAL \$285.00

REPORT FROM TREASURER – Brian Horsfield – Reading and Acting on bills received

- a) \$300.00 IOOF bills as listed above. This is an automatically approved expense.
- b) \$150.00 for website – 5-year domain renewal fee
- c) \$390.89 – Peggy Carlson for Kraftskiva foods and supplies.
- d) \$225.00 – needs to be accrued for the web site annual hosting fee, normally billed in September.

Brian motioned that we pay items b and c, Charley Rea seconded, all approved, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Nominations for Monitor officers for 2022 are being solicited. Current officers please notify the nominating committee if you would like to continue in your role. Self-nominations are also accepted. We also need to nominate two delegates to the April 2022 District Convention.
- b) Annual Audit meeting will be arranged by Anita Nord, Johanna Benker and Brian Horsfield. Date to be determined. Meeting will most likely take place via Zoom.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a) Brian Horsfield thanked Peggy and Ken Carlson for a fabulous event last Saturday, August 14th – at our Annual Kraftskiva held at their home.
- b) Please send Peggy Carlson items of interest for submittal to the VASA Star Winter issue.
- c) Dues for 2022 will remain at \$35.00 per person and are due by January 1, 2022.
- d) Sierra Kronan Lodge will be holding their first combination in-person and zoom meeting on September 15th with pea soup and pancakes.
- e) Yvonne to work up an ad for the Nordstjernen holiday issue from our lodge.
- f) Chuck needs articles and photos for the newsletter, please send directly to him.
- g) Barbara Pattow reported on IKEA. They have installed solar panels over the parking spaces. They are serving a limited menu for lunch and dinner. There are no soft drinks, water can be purchased. Coffee is free with the family card. The food café' has hot dogs for 75¢. Must wear masks.
- h) William is conducting Swedish language classes on Monday nights. Call William if you would like to join.

CLOSING OF THE MEETING with De Gamla and a prayer by Will Hanley.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm. Next meeting will be held Friday, September 8th, 2021, by Zoom. Please join us.

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary

Tore Kellgren, PGM/PDM, presented a truly interesting, restored video program on the city of Stockholm in the 1980's.