



Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2024

Opening of Meeting – Chuck Started at 6 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Chuck Johnson

God Bless America – Kellie Paredes

Prayer – Will Hanley/Larry Woodward

Introduce Grand and District Lodge and guests/visitors if present – none present

Reinstatement of Former Members - none

Application for Membership - accepted: Jenny Cavanaugh, Levi Sprague, Norris Anderson

Introduce & initiate new members, present Passports & pins – Jenny Cavanaugh, Levi Sprague, Norris Anderson

Open Business Meeting - Note that Minutes of June business meeting were included in the July newsletter. There were no business meetings in July or August (Kräftskiva). Susanne Smith motioned and Joyce Willow seconded that the June minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports

Membership -- Yvonne Magneheim (in absentia) – working on a couple of prospective members

Cultural – Marianne Ek (for Charley Rea) – September presentation by Peggy Carlson. Seeking presenters for October and November. Please call Marianne to volunteer.

Scholarship – Joyce Willow – no report

Sunshine Committee – Will Hanley & Larry Woodward – reminder of Arlie Veis's 100th birthday celebration on Saturday, Sept 14th. RSVP to Chuck if planning to attend. Lodge will be sending a Svenska blommor (Swedish floral bouquet of blue & yellow flowers)

Scandinavian Festival – Festival will be April 12th, 2025 at the Elks Lodge #6 in the Pocket area. Please start recruiting family, friends and co-workers to help. And we need to start our Swedish crafts production. Be aware that we have our 113th Anniversary the preceding Saturday, Passover starts the evening of the 12th, the following weekend is Easter

Sunday and the last weekend in April is the District's annual convention, location yet to be determined.

Old Business

1. Some limited additional discussion on the proposal to eliminate the separate Building Fund and transfer the monies into the General Operating fund. General sentiment appears to be to implement the proposed action – formal membership vote will be included with the November ballot for 2025 officers.
2. Some limited additional discussion on the proposal to raise annual dues from the current \$35 to \$50 per active member starting in 2025. There appears to be consensus that the dues need to be raised but the amount is still in question. Further discussion at the October meeting with a formal membership vote will be included with the November ballot for 2025 officers.
3. Report on Kräftskiva. 28 attendees, including three prospective new members. Attendance was a bit lower than usual due to several members stricken with medical issues at the eleventh hour.

Reading of Correspondence of note - none

Planning for Future Events –

October - Swedish Tacos (suggested) at IOOF Hall. Have some volunteers to bring ingredients but more needed:

Will Hanley & Larry Woodward

Birgitta Ostlund

Peggy Carlson

Joyce Willow – frijoles

John Hingtgen - guacamole

November - Fika at IOOF Hall. 2025 elections

December - Julbord and St. Lucia celebrations -Reminded everyone that we need new table coordinators to take over for Peggy Carlson and several other very longtime coordinators.

Report from Financial Secretary – Anita Nord (in abstentia)

- Income from Kräftkiva: \$135 from attendees

Report from Treasurer – Dan Eriksson

- Account balances as of end of August:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Children's Club</u>	<u>Nål och Träd</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 10,424.54	\$156.26	\$5,252.70	\$4,668.90	\$8,140.17	\$28,642.57
Accruing for July-Sept rent:				\$750.00	

Reading and Acting on Bills Received -

Peggy Carlson for Kräftskiva expenses (mostly for the crayfish) \$194.04
Brian Horsfield motioned and Susanne Smith seconded motion to approve payment of bills presented. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Start of 2025 nominations. IMPORTANT note: Chuck reiterated he will NOT run for reelection as Chairman although he will continue as the newsletter editor and will serve as Past Chairman. Current nominating committee members are: Barbara Pattow, Peggy Carlson, Johanna Benker and Mark Delle (Past chair). Please submit new names to committee or reaffirm that you are willing to serve another term in your current office.
2. Establish written policy guidance as to how to manage the Operating fund. Dan Eriksson is chairing a small working group to develop the guidelines and a suggested annual budget document to be presented at our November 2024 meeting. This will be mostly done by email and ZOOM meetings. We need 2-3 members to work with Dan. – volunteers?
3. We definitely need a new lead coordinator for Julbord. We will be circulating the food sign-up sheets very soon.

Good of the order: Reminder to RSVP for Arlie's 100th birthday party (Adam Johnson at sprtsbnkr@aol.com).

Also noted that Charley Rea was recently evaluated and approved for a heart transplant. (NOTE: learned immediately after the meeting that Charley underwent successful transplant surgery on Friday).

Closing of Meeting

Du Gamla –

Prayer – Will Hanley/Larry Woodward

Cultural activity – Presentation by Peggy Carlson: *Quilts of Valor* This was a very interesting presentation about Peggy's and her family's quilting experiences, including their involvement in the Quilts of Valor Foundation. They displayed several gorgeous family quilts as well as a Quilts of Valor quilt they would be presenting to Kurt Pfannkuch, one of Monitor's veterans.

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ *Chuck Johnson* for Yvonne Magnehiem, Recording Secretary