



## **Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes – October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Opening of Meeting** – Chuck Started at 6 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Chuck Johnson

God Bless America – Marianne Ek at the piano

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

Reinstatement of Former Members - none

Application for Membership - none

Introduce & initiate new members, present Passports & pins – none

**Open Business Meeting** - Note that Minutes of September business meeting were emailed in late September and also with the October newsletter. Ed Netzel motioned and Kurt Pfankuch seconded that the September minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously

### **Committee Reports**

Membership -- Yvonne Magneheim (in abstentia) – working on a couple of prospective members (one being a friend of Elsa Cisar)

Cultural – Marianne Ek (for Charley Rea) – Seeking presenters for November. Please call Marianne to volunteer.

Scholarship – Joyce Willow – no report

Sunshine Committee – Will Hanley & Larry Woodward – Lodge sent a Svenska blommor (Swedish floral bouquet of blue & yellow flowers).

Scandinavian Festival – Festival will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 113<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the preceding Saturday, Passover starts the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup>, the following weekend is Easter Sunday and the last weekend in April is the District's annual convention, location yet to be determined.

Nominations committee – Peggy Carlson – committee working on confirming returning officers. Chuck Johnson and Anita Nord will **not** be running for re-election.

## Old Business

1. Continued 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 of dissolving the Building Fund, moving half of the funds to the Scholarship Fund and the other half to the General Operating Fund – formal membership vote will be occur at the November meeting.
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 and that \$50 is reasonable. It was noted that most of the other District lodges are at \$45 or higher and the local Norwegian lodge is over \$100. Final discussion will be at the November meeting with a formal membership vote will be included with the November ballot for 2025 officers.
3. Discussion regarding compliance with CA liquor licensing requirements and liability insurance. Acknowledged that compliance needs attention. Chairman to appoint committee to explore and propose solutions keeping in mind we at least need a temporary solution for Julbod. District insurance coordinator is working to obtain more specific cost data from broker to cover all lodges. Current projected costs are CA ABC temporary license for each event is \$50-75, CA RBS certifications at \$12/person in addition to insurance rider premiums.

## Reading of Correspondence of note - none

## Planning for Future Events –

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

## 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>
\$10,366.58	\$156.26	\$5,252.70	\$4,668.90	\$8,140.17	\$28,574.61

## Reading and Acting on Bills Received -

Two requests from Will Hanley - Svenska blommor for Arlie	\$75.00
Sodas and bottled water for bar	21.98

Kurt Pfannkuch motioned and Marianne Ek seconded motion to approve payment of bills presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

1. Establish written policy guidance as to how to manage the Operating fund. Dan Eriksson is chairing a small working group with Bobbie Watson 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.
2. We definitely need a new lead coordinator for Julbord. We will be circulating the food sign-up sheets very soon. Please volunteer to help as we do not want to revert to a potluck event.

**Good of the order:** Great Monitor turnout at Arlie Veis' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Charley Rea is recovering well from his heart transplant surgery. Joyce Willow reported that her trip with the Daughters of Norway to the annual Norsk Hostfest in Minot, ND was fun but exhausting.

### **Closing of Meeting**

Du Gamla –

Prayer – Will Hanley/Larry Woodward

Respectfully submitted by

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

**Cultural activity** – Presentation by Andy Hopkins – *Restoring a Swedish spinning wheel and a small farm loom* was well received and it was noted that the “before” picture of the messy box of parts and the “after” finished results was a tremendous accomplishment of craftsmanship on Andy’s part.