



Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2024

Opening of Meeting – Chuck Johnson start at 6:00pm

- Pledge of Allegiance – Chuck Johnson
- God Bless America –
- Prayer – William Hanley

Introduce Grand and District Lodge visitors: None

Installation of New Members – None this month

Open Business Meeting - The minutes of the last business meeting (October 2024) were included in the November newsletter, Peggy Carlson motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Susanne Smith - motion passes unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Membership: No report
- Cultural Presentation – Eivor Pfannkuch and Marianne Ek spoke about FIKA in Sweden and recipes for various dishes.
- Scholarship – None currently
- Scandinavian Festival: There will be a Zoom meeting for the committee on November 12th at 7pm. Next year's festival will be held at the Elks Lodge on April 12, 2025.
- Nål och Tråd – No report
- Sunshine Committee: William Hanley and Larry Woodward
 - Flowers are being sent to Russ Ellis for his 102nd birthday, November 16th.
 - Birgitta Ellis will soon be turning 96
 - Bobbie Watson has successful knee surgery and is anxious to return to the lodge and to dance again!
 - Charley Rea – feeling very optimistic after his heart transplant. He will be coming home on Monday, November 4th.

Old Business: For the purposes of a membership vote, a quorum has been reached with a minimum of 4 active members and 1 elected officer. Quorum reached and exceeded tonight.

- **Building Fund**: Ed Netzel motioned, and Joyce Willows seconded, to eliminate the separate Building Fund and to divide the monies as follows:
 - 50 % General Operating fund.
 - 50 % Scholarship fund

After group discussion the motion was amended to dissolve the Building Fund, temporarily move the funds to the Operating Budget but have the budget committee research and make suggestions for ultimate distribution of the funds. The committee consists of Dan Eriksson, Bobbie Watson, and Marianne Ek. A vote was taken 19 Yea and 1 Nay.

- **Dues Increase:** DeeDee Dahlberg motioned to raise the annual dues from \$35/year to \$50/year effective January 1, 2025. Motion seconded by Ed Netzel.
 - Motion passes 24 Yeas and 0 Nays.
- **Liquor Liability and Insurance:** Discussion regarding compliance with CA ABC licensing requirements and liability insurance. A committee has been formed: Dan Eriksson, Ed Netzel, Kurt Pfannkuch, Will Hanley and Yvonne Magneheim. Monitor Lodge along with 5 other lodges in District 12 are opposed to the district dropping the insurance coverage for alcoholic consumption at our lodge meetings. Coverage was dropped due to cost. A one-day license to serve alcohol could cost the lodge roughly \$310, the committee will get quotes.
 - DeeDee Dahlberg motioned to authorize the lodge to obtain coverage and a one-day license for our Julbord, not to exceed \$375.00, seconded by Susanne Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
 - As a requirement of the license, we need a qualified member to obtain the RSV certification. Both Will Hanley and Dan Eriksson are certified. Larry Woodward and Susanne Smith to also obtain certification.
- **2025 Nominations:** the nominations committee consists of Johanna Benker, Barbara Pattow, Peggy Carlson and Mark Delle (Past Chair). Ballots must be returned no later than November 27th. Johanna Benker volunteered to be Financial Secretary.
- **Julbord** Due to low membership participation for food sign-ups, there was a question of whether to hold or cancel the event. The members unanimously agreed that we should move forward with the Julbord.
 - Brian Horsfield motioned that we increase the prices, second by Ed Netzel, to:
 - \$35.00 active members
 - \$40.00 family and guests
 - \$10.00 children – 12 and under.Motion passed unanimously.
 - Meribeth Bean offered to take the RSVP's and work at the registration table along with Anita Nord
 - A planning meeting will be held at the home of Peggy Carlson on Sunday, November 17th at 1pm. All are welcome. We need to pass the torch. A sign-up sheet was passed around by Peggy amongst the members to help with the preparation of the food and any other duties.

- In January, the committee will meet to review the food quantities and adjust as needed for next year. Meetings will be held throughout the year to keep us on track and add new members.

Reading of correspondence - None

Planning for Future Events

Sunday	11-17-2024	1pm	Julbord planning meeting at the home of Ken and Peggy Carlson
Saturday	12-7-2024	5:30 pm	Julbord and Jul Glögg Party.
Friday	12-13-2024	7pm	Santa Lucia program
Friday	1-10-25	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pie Social Installation of 2025 Officers

Reports from Financial Secretary – Anita Nord

October 4, Meeting	soft drink sales	\$81.00
TOTAL		\$81.00

Report from Treasurer – Dan Eriksson

Dan prepared a 2023 and 2024 income and expenses reports along with a 2025 budget for the Lodge. Some items to review are, but not limited to:

- 1 Increase in meal prices.
- 2 Should we get coverage for drinks – charging for drinks rather than a donation.
- 3 How will the new ABC ruling affect our dinners?
- 4 Scandinavian Festival
- 5 Anniversary Lunch – Silent Auction

Closing of Meeting – 7:05pm

- Du Gamla –
- Prayer – William Hanley

Many thanks to all that have contributed to tonight’s Fika and those who stayed to clean up. Please remember, we do not have “paid staff” to set up, cook, serve and clean up!! We depend on every member to contribute in order to make our events successful.

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary