

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by President Bruce Fihe, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Silent roll call was taken. 15 members in attendance; 2nd year Trustee, Elaine Edwards, absent.

Approval of Minutes

- November 18, 2019 (M-Laycock/S-Aaker) - unanimously approved
- December 15, 2019 (M-Laycock/S-Aaker) - unanimously approved
- January 12, 2020 (M-Aaker/S-Marshburn) - unanimously approved

Communications

Co-Secretary Adams read the following correspondence:

- The Lodge donated 179 pounds of food to West Valley Community Services during the months of November and December 2019.
- Thank you from Shiloh Curtis for the college scholarship.
- Thank you from Sons of Norway Foundation for \$131 donation.
- Request for homemade Norwegian cookies for District Six Convention in June. Duane will lead a Brunkaker-making workshop for this purpose at the March 22 Cultural Skills Sunday. Krumkaker in the freezer may also be donated. Bruce will be the contact person and transport the cookies to the convention.

Officers' Reports

President – Bruce Fihe

- Appointment of Kristen Hunsbedt as Tidende Editor (M-Stubblebine/S-Porter) –unanimously approved
- Approval of 2020 Budget as presented: (M-Purrington/S-Marshburn) – unanimously approved

Treasurer – Mike Block

- Written report received from Lodge members Richard and LaVinnia Pierson, stating they audited the Lodge's financial records for the period 1/1/2019-12/31/2019 and found them to be complete and accurate.
- Balance sheet as of 2/6/2020 reviewed: General Fund \$48,687.35; Scholarship Fund: \$8,231.58; Hall Capital Improvement Fund: \$4,894.42

Vice President – Laura Porter

The Lodge has 13 past due members, 1 suspended and 1 new, for a total of 272 members, including juveniles with insurance.

Committee Reports

2nd Year Trustee – on behalf of Trustee Elaine Edwards, President Fihe reported that Elaine will form a scholarship committee, in her capacity as Scholarship Chair.

3rd Year Trustee – Trustee Karen Aaker reported that her duties include serving as Sons of Norway Foundation Director, and asked for fund-raising ideas. Discussion ensued concerning having a raffle at the Lodge's October Social, to coincide with Foundation Month in October.

In response to a question from Barbara Shoup. Vice President Porter reported that so far the only acknowledgement of the Sons of Norway 125th Anniversary that is planned by our Lodge is to affix the 125th Anniversary logo on the favors that will be at each place setting at the Anniversary Dinner.

Old Business

Convention Ad – President Fihe distributed two designs created by Duane Adams. One design was chosen, and Duane will make the changes suggested by the group.

New Business

Lodge Bylaws and Policy Book. Later this year President Fihe would like to form an ad hoc committee to review and rewrite these documents.

Convention Delegates

- We can elect up to seven delegates. Bruce Fihe and Karan Aaker will also be attending in their capacities as District Six Vice President and Zone 3 Director, respectively.
- President Fihe reviewed the approximate per-delegate costs (registration, hotel, travel and some meals). The Lodge has \$4,200 budgeted. Unanimously approved (M-Adams/S-Aaker) to divide the \$4,200 equally among the number of elected delegates.
- John Stubblebine nominated Janie Kelly, Fred Hymans, Laura Porter and Judy Purrington, and Meg Laycock nominated Barbara Shoup, to serve as delegates.
- It was unanimously approved (M-Adams/S-Marshburn) to elect the 5 nominees, plus authorize President Fihe to appoint up to two more delegates or alternates, to represent the Lodge at the convention.

Cultural Skills Sundays

It was suggested that the first skills workshop in March be promoted as “Learn Norwegian Crafts” and have displays of a variety of potential activities to inspire and motivate participation in later workshops in June and September. The workshops will also be promoted at the Taste of Norway event in May.

A Taste of Norway

- Judy Purrington, Barbara Shoup and Kathy Whitesel have been meeting; planning is on track; new events this year may include a Saami presentation.
- Planning to have a promotional table at the Tartan Day Scottish Festival in April in Fremont. They were cautioned to publicize the cultural aspects only (Viking reenactment, folk dancing, etc.) and avoid all references to food, since we do not have a commercial catering license and cannot invite the general public to food-related events.

Business Meeting Refreshments

- Barbara Shoup volunteered to host an Ice Cream Social for the August 14 meeting.
- Need hosts for June 13 and Wine & Cheese on November 13; all other business meetings coincide with Socials, where refreshments will be provided.

Announcements

It was suggested the Hall entrance sign be lighted, since the Hall is difficult to find at night. That is an issue for the Hall Board; they are investigating solar lights.

Remarks for the Good of the Order

- John Stubblebine reported that Rich Pierson has donated new and improved speakers for the Hall. They need to be installed, along with a jack.
- Meg Laycock announced the folk dance weekend (3/27 – 3/29) at Camp Norge. President Fihe extended an invitation to the Leikarring to teach at the kids’ camps.

Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Duane Adams, Co-Secretary