

Meeting held via Zoom (online video conferencing) and called to order at 4:08 PM by President Bruce Fihe. Silent roll call was taken: 12 members in attendance; Meg Laycock (Co-Secretary) and Kristen Hunsbedt (Tidende Editor) were absent.

Officers' Reports

President – Bruce Fihe

- As previously communicated via email to the officers, Bruce reiterated that the 2020 SoN International and District Six Conventions have been postponed until 2022, due to the coronavirus pandemic. All delegates elected in 2018* will continue to 2022. The District Six Convention will be held at the same location (Mesa, Arizona), with the same program as was scheduled for this year. The hotel will keep the deposit and apply it to the 2022 event without a penalty or financial loss. The International Convention cannot be re-booked at the same location in Norway; they are considering holding it on the west coast of the United States instead.
- Camp Norge is closed until at least June 24, but kids' camps have not yet been canceled. The terms of office for Recreation Center Board Members expiring in 2020 have been extended until 2022.
- The Zone 1 Director has resigned and a replacement is being sought.
- District Six Board meetings are being held via Zoom.

Vice President – Laura Porter

- The Lodge has 2 suspended members and 4 new members, for a total of 276 members, including juveniles with insurance.

Treasurer – Mike Block

- Balance sheet as of 4/10/2020 reviewed: General Fund \$46,481.28; Scholarship Fund: \$8,231.58; Hall Capital Improvement Fund: \$4,894.42; Hall Improvement Fund: \$3,007.76.

Future Events

- A Taste of Norway: Co-Cultural Director Judy Purrington reported that since we can't schedule anything in the near-term, she proposes holding this event on October 24, and has reserved the Hall for that date. It was suggested we could sell Lutefisk Dinner tickets then. Bruce and Judy will talk offline about suggested groups to invite for cultural presentations.
- Postponed Social Events: We need to be flexible. Will continue to discuss in the coming months as the Covid-19 situation becomes clearer.
- Lodge Meetings: Bruce suggested having an all-lodge meeting with a cultural skills component or some type of video for members to participate in via Zoom. He asked us to send in our ideas through the officers' distribution list that he set up.
- Lutefisk Dinner: Bruce asked us to consider some backup plans to make up for lost revenue if we're unable to hold the dinner in the event of a coronavirus resurgence in the Fall. Barbara Shoup reported that she needs to know by August so she can order the tickets and other forms.

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Laura Porter reported that she has 82 people on the U.S. Mail distribution list and it costs between \$100 - \$110 per month for printing and postage. The process is extremely time-consuming, and it's unclear how many recipients actually even read it. She doesn't have current addresses and typically gets one or two undeliverable copies returned each month. Ideas for ways to glean uninterested recipients from the distribution list, and/or for encouraging them to switch to email copies were discussed. Bruce and Laura will discuss separately and report back.

Keeping Members Connected/Involved

- Judy Purrington suggested calling members to see how they're doing during this stressful time and just to stay in touch. Elaine Edwards, Barbara Shoup and Duane Adams volunteered to assist Judy with making the calls. Bruce will send Judy a current member roster for her to divide up among the call volunteers, starting with Bay Area members first.
- It was suggested we could send links to YouTube or other videos showing items of interest to our members. It could be called Link of the Week, and could possibly continue into the future for members who don't drive at night, are not local or otherwise aren't able to attend our functions. Bruce asked us to send him links to things of interest.
- Bruce asked that we continue to brainstorm about ways to keep members involved, possibly with virtual cultural or social events.

Remarks for the Good of the Order

- Fred Hymans reported that the April 25 Blood Drive will be held at the Hall as planned, with Red Cross assurances that all necessary anti-contamination precautions will be observed. All 40 spaces have been filled, but you can call Fred if you want to be put on the schedule.
- Fred reported that Camp Norge is closed and will open when given the OK. In the meantime, maintenance and improvements are underway.
- Dave Melius reported that he checks out the Hall about once a week. Someone cut the telephone lines and he's working with Comcast about the situation.

Close

- The next meeting will be on Friday, April 24 at 4 PM via Zoom
- The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM

*Delegates who were elected by their lodges and officially seated at the 2018 Convention/District Lodge Meeting constitute the District Lodge. They remain in place until the next District Lodge Meeting. Since there will be no District Lodge Meeting in 2020, those delegates are extended until the 2022 District Lodge Meeting. (Nordahl Grieg Lodge members elected at our February 7, 2020 business meeting to serve as delegates at the 2020 District Convention/District Lodge Meeting have no status).

Respectfully submitted by Duane Adams, Co-Secretary