

Meeting held via Zoom (online video conferencing) and called to order at 4:05 PM by President Bruce Fihe. Silent roll call was taken: 10 members in attendance; Judy Purrington (Co-Social Director), Barbara Shoup (Greater), and Kristen Hunsbedt (Tidende Editor) were absent.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 02/07/20 and 04/10/20 business meetings were approved as presented.

Officers' Reports

- President – Bruce Fihe

District 6 held a 2-day meeting via Zoom on April 17 and 18. It was decided to postpone both kid's summer camps until 2021; notices were sent to the District newsletter editors. The Board is exploring ways to hold virtual events for the kids this summer. Both the district and international are working on ways to allow for electronic voting for their business matters. International has introduced 5, 10 and 15-year badges for heritage members. Our lodge can present these to our eligible youth, along with certificates, in conjunction with our Anniversary Dinner.

- Scholarship Chair – Elaine Edwards

Elaine asked for, and received, clarification about the process for awarding scholarships.

Keeping Members Connected/Involved

- The phone tree approved at the last meeting has not yet been implemented. Bruce will contact Judy with a nudge to get the list distributed to the volunteers so they can begin making calls to members.
- Bruce reported on a virtual cultural meeting featuring representatives from a local fiber arts guild that was hosted by Vikings of the Lake Lodge on 04/19/20. That lodge is small, and participation was limited.
- It was decided that our lodge will host a virtual gathering for our members on the 17th of May at 2 pm. Bruce and Duane will work together on the details.

Future Events

- The Sjørvaldar Viking group is available for A Taste of Norway, if that event is held in October.
- The District 6 Board will continue discussions about whether to hold Kretsstevne (Labor Day weekend) and Camp Oldsfjell (mid-September) at Camp Norge this year.

Tidende

- After discussion, it was unanimously approved (M-Duane/S-Karen) to combine the June and July issues, since there is very little content to include, owing to the absence of lodge social and cultural events this summer.
- Meg volunteered to work with Bruce and Laura on ways to encourage members to switch from hard copies to electronic copies, in order to save time and money. She stressed that we should develop a positive marketing effort, and avoid implying chastisement.

Remarks for the Good of the Order

- Dave Melius reported on a mysterious plumbing leak that is causing puddling in the asphalt by the back kitchen door. It will cost \$1,000 for a plumber to perform an electronic tracer to determine the source of the leak, plus more to have it repaired. Janie canceled garbage service, saving the

Hall \$400/month, but revenues are way down since the Hall is not being rented. Fund-raising events will have to be held next year.

- Bruce reported that District 6 has discontinued Tubfrim, because Norwegian shipping companies are no longer taking the shipments at no charge. He's checking into a charity organization in Arizona that may accept the stamps. In the meantime, he's storing the stamps that have been recently donated by our members.

Close

- The next meeting will be on Monday, May 18 at 6 PM via Zoom
- The meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM

Respectfully submitted by Duane Adams, Co-Secretary