

Synnove-Nordkap #1-008
Lodge Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
MINUTES

Supper: Randy and Happy Youngs served supper with St. Patrick's Day decorations at 6:00 pm prior to the start of the meeting. Sloppy Joes sandwiches were provided by Randy and Happy Youngs and Jean Knaak. Desserts were provided by Jean and Chuck Draheim, Randy Youngs and Dianne Anderson.

Members attending: 29

Guests: 2

Program: Jean Knaak introduced our program for the evening at 6:48 pm.

Tricia Velure and Tom Sandhei were our guest presenters and they discussed their March 2023 book, ***Dust Yourself Off: The Gravel Road to a Good Life***. It is the true story of Tom's mother, Muriel Sandhei, and her life on a farm near Fort Ransom "Little Norway", North Dakota in the 1940s and '50s. Twelve years ago Tom began writing his family history for his family. In November 2019 he met Tricia, who had also grown up near Fort Ransom, and together they wrote the book. They used Tom's memories, and Tricia's research. They found Muriel's oral history, Ladies Aid records, day books and information in the *Nord Norge* newspaper at St. Olaf College, and a photo from the stone house in Montana that is on the National Historic Places list where Muriel and her new husband Elmer lived for a short time. Muriel survived many hardships.

Genealogy Tidbit: Jean Knaak had asked the Genealogy Group for confirmation of her family's story about the death of her great grandfather Gilbert on the ship on his and his wife's trip to Norway. The Group was not able to solve the problem. Then Fred Matson told how he submitted her "Lost at Sea" query to the on-line *Norway List* and in 48 hours it was confirmed that he died and was buried at sea by England.

Members were encouraged to submit genealogy questions to the Group.

Business Meeting: President Kathy Kaluza called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. She welcomed everyone.

Condolences were given to Scott Torvi on the death on February 2 of his father, Axel Torvi, a long time member.

Anthems were sung.

Birthdays for March were Doug Peterson, Fred Matson, Curt Hogenson and Ron Stow.

Anniversary was Ron and Susan Stow.

Appreciations: Kathy Kaluza thanked those who provided food for the supper.

Jean Draheim was thanked for serving as Treasurer for 7 years.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 6-8 pm, at the Maplewood Library. All are welcomed to attend.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Submitted by:

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