

**Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1-008 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, May 6, 2024 at Ramsey County Library, Maplewood, MN**  
**6:00-8:00 p.m. In Person and Zoom**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lynn Hoffmeyer, Connie Chrissis, Jean Knaak, Kathy Kaluza, Jill Hanson, Sharon Amann, Pat Carlson, Randy Youngs, Happy Youngs, Ron Stow, Susan Stow, Lowell Johnson, Sheryl Hove

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** by President Kathy Kaluza at 6:04 p.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT-**Sheryl Hove: For the Brevet, add to the Bulletin Board page: "For Lodge and Board Meeting MINUTES: [synn-nord.org/contact/board-meeting-minutes](http://synn-nord.org/contact/board-meeting-minutes)". A motion was made to accept the Minutes as printed. The motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT-**Connie Chrissis. Connie had sent the Budget Spreadsheet to the Board. Connie needs receipts only for reimbursements for expenses for Junior Lodge, etc. The ad for the District 1 Convention booklet was \$85. Connie sent a personal check for \$15 to add color. Connie moved we name our newly established scholarship fund the "Mary Beth Mutchler Memorial Scholarship Fund". Ron seconded. The motion carried. The Mutchler's contribution was \$3,415.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**JUNIOR LODGE-**Susan Stow: They performed at Folklore Village in Dodgeville, WI on May 4. There were 6 youth and 4 chaperones attending overnight. The Stoughten Dancers and Nordic Dancers performed. There were dance classes. They will perform at Syttende Mai at Mindekirken on May 19.

**PROGRAMS-**Jean Knaak: The Meeting on May 14 will begin with a "Syttende Mai Celebration" with a meal of hot dogs in lefse, ice cream and treats. Then the program will be a "Memorial Service" led by Gary Hanson honoring the lives of members who passed away in recent years, with relatives or friends giving memories and placing white roses in a vase, followed by an open mic for members to share memories. Plans are being made in 2025 to celebrate "Crossings 200", the bi-centennial (200 years) of the first organized emigration from Norway in the schooner "Restauration". At the District 1 Convention there will be events for non-Delegates, such as classes in troll-making, speakers, the banquet, etc. for fees or free. The Facebook site may need 3 Administrators so we have other members who can post our lodge news and happenings. The NEW LAND, NEW LIFE DISPLAY will be displayed at one of our fall Regular Meetings.

**MEAL PLAN FOR MAY**-Happy Youngs, Hospitality: The Syttende Mai menu for the May 14 Regular Meeting is hot dogs from Randy and Happy Youngs, lefse from Gary Legwold, ice cream and treats of waffles, krumkake, kransekake and cookies.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**-Jill Hanson: The camp scholarship applications are due May 15. There is only one application for a post-secondary scholarship. A motion was made by Sharon Amann to establish a cap of \$2,500 for 5 camp scholarships of \$300 each for \$1,500 and 2 post-secondary scholarships of \$500 each for \$1,000, to be reviewed annually. Seconded by Connie Chrissis. Motion passed, not unanimously. Payments will be made to Skogfjorden following camp attendance and to the college following successful completion of 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

**NEW LAND, NEW LIFE DISPLAY**-Ron Stow and Lowell Johnson: The District 1 Board Meeting was held at the Lake Elmo hotel so Ron saw the space for the display in the front lobby for the public to see.

Lowell sent the Banner to the sales rep for production with delivery at the end of May. The final quote with tax was \$3,098.92 that will be covered by Ron's Grant monies. The display will promote our lodge. As a traveling exhibit it has already been used throughout the Midwest in North Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Lowell's power point video of the display, made with assistance from Chris Bales and Ingrid Bjorum, will be shown at the Convention and it is posted on the website which includes a reservation form with replacement costs and procedures for picking up the display.

A session at the Convention will tell the origin of the display in 2013 at the Landmark Center and tell how to borrow it and add their own lodge's artifacts, music, crafts, cultural skills, etc. to recruit members. The display will be good for the 2025 Bi-Centennial. There is no rental fee because of the Grant monies. It will promote our lodge.

**SILENT AUCTION**-Ron Stow: Ron has asked our lodge and other lodges in the District for donations for the Silent Auction at the Convention. Bring items to the Meeting or notify Ron of donations for his preparation of Bid Slips. Volunteers are needed Sunday 3-6 p.m., and 9 a.m.-5:30 a.m. Monday at the Lake Elmo Holiday Inn to help set up the Silent Auction display at the Convention.

### **OUR LODGE'S SILENT AUCTION CONTRIBUTION FOR THE**

**CONVENTION**-Ron Stow: Ron asked that other lodge members assume the responsibility of putting together our lodge's contribution to the Silent Auction. Our lodge will contribute a red and blue "Coffee Basket" with a Kurig coffee maker, coffee, 2 cups and napkins and covered with cellophane.

**CONVENTION NEEDS**-Ron Stow: Volunteers are needed for the display. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the Meeting for Volunteers and Ron will accept Silent Auction and monetary donations. Non-members are encouraged to attend.

**PICNIC PLANS**-Jean Knaak: The picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Island Lake Park, Shoreview. The lodge will provide hot dogs and buns. Sharon Amann will have registration sheets and also sign-up sheets for Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Deviled Eggs, Baked Beans, Cake, etc. Coffee and Water will be provided. Bring your own plates, plastic ware and drinks. There is a wine permit. The cost will be \$5 for each member and \$10 for guests, to Sharon Amann at [slamann@comcast.net](mailto:slamann@comcast.net) or 651-631-0399 or 651-706-9700.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**OPEN LODGE OFFICER AND APPOINTED POSITIONS**- Kathy Kaluza:

#### **Lodge Officer:**

**Director-at-Large:** Happy Youngs volunteered to be a nominee to replace Mary Beth Mutchler. Connie Chrissis made a motion for Happy Youngs to be nominated for the Director-at-Large Position. Seconded by Sharon Amann. All in favor. Motion carried. The election vote will be held at the Meeting.

#### **Appointed Positions:**

Historian: Kathy Kaluza volunteered

Publicity: 2 additional members needed

Membership: Open

Executive Secretary: Open. Dana Carlson may be interested

Sunshine: Sharon Amann volunteered

Greeter: Dave Mutchler volunteered, with Audrey Waage

Nominating Committee: Kathy Kaluza volunteered

**BEGIN PLANNING FOR FALL FUNDRAISER**- Kathy Kaluza:

Jean Knaak suggested having a *Frokost* or Brunch on a Saturday morning.

The 2023 “Taste of Scandinavia” was a success so it will be scheduled for Saturday evening, October 26. Sharon Amann volunteered to be Chair. Volunteers will be needed. The pastor of the church will be asked by Connie Chrissis if the Silent Auction could be situated in the church’s welcome area, if it is available, with tables, along with the ticket collection table. A monitor would be needed. Ron Stow will be in charge. Kathy Kaluza will be in charge of Bestemor’s Bake Sale. Bestefar’s Attic was successful. The Junior Lodge will have a table. The sale of Grab Bags was suggested for \$1 with \$2 of goodies.

### **DISTRICT 1 CONVENTION**-

Susan Stow said that the “Loki” troll from the Junior Lodge will decorate the Silent Auction.

Lodge members are encouraged to attend the Convention. Connie Chrissis said that the Brevet will print that at the District 1 Convention there will be events for our lodge

members. Convention Registration is now open for non-Delegates to register for activities, classes such as in troll-making, speakers, tours, the banquet, etc. for fees or free. Some classes will have limited spaces available.

Some classes will be run by lodge members Sharon Amann, Lowell Johnson, Sandra Bestland, Jill Hanson and Jean Knaak.

There will be sharing sessions between Lodges.

Volunteers are needed for workshop sessions to help presenters, introduce speakers and facilitate obtaining technology help, then attend the sessions.

Volunteers are needed at the Main Table and Registration Table to provide breaks for Connie Chrissis and others.

The Bunad Parade needs male and female bunad wearers.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ron Stow announced that he has been able to sell some items left from the 2023 Silent Auction, such as the 3 *Nisser*.

**NEXT MONTH'S BOARD MEETING:** Monday, June 3, 2024 at Ramsey County Library, Maplewood, MN 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be no meeting in July.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Hove  
Assistant Recording Secretary