

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge #1-008 Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 5, 2024 at Ramsey County Library, Maplewood, MN
6:00-8:00 p.m. In Person and Zoom
MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Connie Chrissis, Jean Knaak, Kathy Kaluza, Sharon Amann, Pat Carlson, Randy Youngs, Happy Youngs, Ron Stow, Susan Stow, Ingrid Bjorum, LaRee Opdahl

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by President Kathy Kaluza.

SECRETARY'S REPORT-LaRee Opdahl. Minutes were approved as printed for the August meeting. There are 213 active members listed. Two new members are James and Janet Hauge, who attended the District 1 Convention. Be sure to greet them and welcome them to our Lodge.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Connie Chrissis. Connie had sent the Budget Spreadsheet to the Board. There were no questions. The report will be placed on file for financial review.

BOARD REPORTS:

JUNIOR LODGE-Susan Stow: Their first meeting will be September 14. They will be working on a craft project involving maps and magnets. New dances will also be taught. Our Lodge received "Family of the Year" award for 2023.

BREVET-Ingrid Bjorum: The September Brevet is available on the website. Some updates have also been made on the website, including New Land, New Life, with Lowell's assistance. The secretary's reports are now listed in the Menu tab. Ingrid will be resigning as Editor at the end of the year. Sharon spoke for all of the Board in thanking her for her huge contribution for our Lodge. We appreciate her expertise.

PROGRAMS-Jean Knaak: Lowell Johnson will present the New Land, New Life display at the September meeting. Jean put a note in the District newsletter about New Land, New Life and how to arrange for its use in other lodges. Lowell would like someone to assist him in working on a form for sign-ups, etc. It would also be beneficial to promote this program through Crossings, Norway House, NAHA, and other lodges. The program "From Sheep to Shawl" will be presented at the October meeting. Be sure to invite guests that might be interested in textiles to that meeting.

MEAL PLAN FOR NEXT MEETING-Happy Youngs: Tacos made with pulled pork and black beans will be served at the September meeting, along with home-made mango salsa from her daughter, and other condiments. Dessert will be provided.

SCHOLARSHIPS-There was no report due to Jill Hanson's absence. Five applications have been received.

OLD BUSINESS:

SON DISTRICT CONVENTION- Ron Stow was pleased with the Silent Auction. He did ask the vendors to offer an item, as well. All items had bids and were sold. Five participated in the Walk-a-thon. Susie Roland raised \$1900 herself that contributed to the total of \$2,171, which will be used for scholarships.

TASTE OF SCANDINAVIA- Sharon Amann: To be held on Saturday, October 26. Sharon had the sign-up sheet for things to bring and will present it to everyone at the September meeting. Perhaps the completed list to date could be printed in the next Brevet. Volunteers will need to come early for definite instructions as to their duties.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE- Ron needs one more member on the Committee with him and Kathy Kaluza. Lynn Hoffmeyer has resigned as a Director, so there are several positions that are open. Detailed job descriptions for open positions would be most helpful in attracting members to volunteer. We all need to ask around for volunteers, since no one answered the questionnaire Ron sent out.

NEW BUSINESS

SELLING WAFFLE MAKERS- Connie has made a poster for selling the waffle makers. Now we need to find places or businesses to send it to.

DUES INCREASE – Jean Knaak talked about the possibility of losing members due to the increase in International dues. She made a motion that we provide a stipend to retain or reward long-term members who will have a difficult time paying the increase in dues. Motion was seconded by Sharon Amann. After discussion, Jean asked to table the motion until the October meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at Ramsey County Library, Maplewood, MN 6:00-8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaRee Opdahl
Recording Secretary

