

Synnove-Nordkap #1-008

Lodge Meeting Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Supper: Randy and Happy Youngs served BBQ's, along with cole slaw, pickles, chips, and dessert. Other providers included Pat Carlson, Dianne Anderson, Sharon Amann, Jean Knaak, and Kathy Kaluza.

Attendance: 27 members plus two guest speakers.

Program: Alan Olson presented an interesting and informative program on "Cleaning and Gleaning Cemeteries". He provided cleaning options, and said not to use metal, scrapers, brushes or putty knives. He will send an update to those who attended the meeting.

Business Meeting: President Kathy Kaluza called the meeting to order. We sang the national anthems for Canada, Norway, and America followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

We honored July, August, and September birthdays. There were no Anniversaries during that time.

The International Festival of Minnesota (formerly Festival of Nations) will be held at River Center Friday and Saturday only (April 10 and 11). We should find out the end of September if we are accepted to sell our Norwegian treats.

Sharon Amann reminded everyone of the Taste of Scandinavia to be held Saturday, November 1. We will charge \$15 per person. There are sign-up sheets for contributions to be made for the event. Doors will open at 5:00 PM, with dinner served at 6:00 PM.

Susan Stow is taking orders for 2026 Norwegian calendars and note cards prior to ordering them. Calendars are \$14, and note cards are \$12. Products will be available at the November meeting.

Dave Okeson, our SON Financial Representative, gave an update of some new policies. They may be converted to other plans, if preferred. A new Annuity program can lock in interest rates.

We had previously discussed the possible cancellation of January and February meetings, replacing them with July and August meetings for other activities or social get-togethers. Ballots were available for everyone to fill out in case they were not comfortable with expressing their ideas formally at the meeting. Further discussion will be presented at our next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, October 6 at the Ramsey County Library in Maplewood at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaRee Opdahl
Recording Secretary