

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge 1-008
Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES
Monday, February 2, 2026
Ramsey County Library, Maplewood, MN
6:00-8:00 PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Kaluza, Dianne Anderson, Sharon Amann, Pat Carlson, Connie Chrissis, Ron and Susan Stow, Randy and Happy Youngs, Becky Foro, Jean Knaak, Sheryl Hove and Jill Hanson.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By President Kathy Kaluza at 6:05 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sheryl Hove. Minutes accepted as printed. Submit Volunteer Hours sheets to Sheryl by March 1 by mail or email.

MEMBERSHIP: 169. Includes Juvenile Members with active insurance.

Give Directory changes to Leif Erickson.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Connie Chrissis. Treasury Income and Expenses and Balance Sheet were sent previously to the Board. Report accepted. The report will be placed on file for financial review. Payments to Gustavus Adolphus Church will continue for June, July and August as rent for basement storage.

BREVET: Becky Foro. Submit contributions for *Brevet*.

JUNIOR LODGE: Susan Stow. The theme this year is Cultural Skills Music. Music experts will give presentations to the Peer Gynt Dancers at three monthly meetings. A motion was made by Sheryl Hove, seconded by Sharon Amann to pay the three music experts \$50 each for a total of \$150. All voted in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

PROGRAMS: Jean Knaak. There will not be a Lodge Meeting in February. Sharon Amann will contact Dave Mutchler regarding the summer picnic.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Jill Hanson. She has not received any applications. Skogfjorden offers camp options of 1 week, 2 weeks and 4 weeks, plus 4 weeks for high school credit.

OLD BUSINESS:

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MINNESOTA: Kathy Kaluza. The location is the St. Paul RiverCenter. The dates are Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11 from 9 AM to 9 PM. Students will attend on Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM. Kathy and Pat Carlson are co-chairs and are continuing with the arrangements. Kathy will meet with the G. A. Pastor concerning Baking Day rental on April 6 or 7 and other rental details. Food items will be purchased by Kathy, Pat, Sharon Amann and Susan Stow. The Peer Gynt Dancers, ages 13 to 19, will attend a review for participation.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS/ANNIVERSARY PINS: Ron Stow. Presentation of the Anniversary Pins will be held at the March 10 Lodge Meeting. Ron will invite the 18 members to attend or to arrange for someone to pick up their pin.

NEW BUSINESS:

The annual Sons of Norway All Member Meeting will be held on Monday, February 9th at 11:00 AM on Zoom.

District 1 Convention in Willmar: Kathy Kaluza. The Convention will be held from Thursday, June 25 through Saturday, June 27, 2026. The Convention is held every two years.

-Advertising in Convention Booklet. Becky Foro will adapt the new *Brevet* banner with text for the ad with input from Susan Stow and the Board. A motion was made by Jean Knaak, seconded by Ron Stow, to purchase a half page ad for \$135. All voted in favor and the motion was carried unanimously. Sharon Amann will contact Gary Legwold about including a half page ad for his lefse business in appreciation for his lefse donations to our Lodge. Jean accepted a friendly amendment by Jill Hanson, seconded by Dianne Anderson, to purchase a full page ad for \$200 with the Lodge ad on the top half and the lefse ad on the bottom half. All voted in favor and the amendment was carried unanimously, with acceptance of Gary Legwold.

-Delegates: LaRee Opdahl, Kathy Kaluza, Sharon Amann and Andy Chrissis.

Alternates: Ron Stow, Dianne Anderson, Jean Knaak and Jill Hanson.

District 1 Officers must have SON Insurance. International Convention Delegates must have SON Insurance.

Discussion will continue on Lodge payments for Delegates' expenses.

-Silent Auction Donation: The Lodge provided the Calendar. Lowell Johnson will provide the wooden Calendar Frame. Payment to Lowell was tabled.

ADDITIONS:

-Norway Tour: Jean Knaak and Jill Hanson. Their Agder Bygdelag is sponsoring a tour to Norway in August. Contact them for details.

-Sons of Norway Book Club: Sheryl Hove. She reads the two books each month for the monthly discussion on Zoom. Becky Foro is including information in this *Brevet*.

TREATS: Provided by Kathy Kaluza.

ADJOURNMENT: Kathy Kaluza adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM

OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING: Will be held Monday, March 3, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM, at Ramsey County Library in Maplewood, MN. [April Meeting will be April 7]

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Hove

Assistant Recording Secretary