

**Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge 1-008**  
**Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 6, 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, LaRee Opdahl and Jill Hanson.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** By President Kathy Kaluza at 6:02 PM.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Sheryl Hove. Minutes accepted as printed. Submit Volunteer Hours sheets to Sheryl. Instruction sheets were distributed. Additional activities that qualify for Lodge of the Year will be considered.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 163. Includes Juvenile Members with active insurance.

**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.

**BREVET:** Becky Foro. Submit contributions and photos for *Brevet*. She prepared a great ad for our Lodge for the District 1 Convention Booklet.

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MINNESOTA:** Kathy Kaluza & Pat Carlson, our Co-Chairs. The location is the St. Paul RiverCenter. The dates are Friday, April 10, 9 AM to 9 PM and Saturday, April 11 from 9 AM to 9 PM. Students will attend on Friday from 10 AM to 3 PM. Krumkake Baking Day was held this morning at Gustavus Adolphus Church from 9 AM to 1 PM with 16 members. Food items for the "Norway Café" will be "Viking in a Blanket" (brats in lefse), "Trolls in a Blanket" (hot dogs in lefse),

Krumkaker, Rice Pudding, Lingonberry Saft and Coffee. They will be purchased by Kathy, Pat, Sharon Amann, Susan Stow and Randy and Happy Youngs. More Volunteers are needed. Ron Stow will bring the Norman Borlaug poster. The website is: IFestmn.org

**JUNIOR LODGE:** Susan Stow. Norwegian folk singer and cow caller Mary Klockeman will be at the April rehearsal. The Peer Gynt Dancers will perform on the Teen stage by the cafés at the Festival on April 11 at 11 AM. Some will work at the Norway Café. The dancers will perform at Mindekirken for Syttende Mai. Four students will attend Skogfjorden Language Camp. A motion for Susan to purchase bunad fabric from Norway was withdrawn as funding has already been provided.

**PROGRAMS:** Jean Knaak. The April 14 Meeting will be on Woodworking and the meal will be a Soup Cookoff Contest. Several members are entering their soups. Other members will provide the side items. The Peer Gynt Dancers will perform at the May 12 meeting with singing and photos of Norway. The Summer Picnic will be held June 16.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Jill Hanson. She received one college scholarship application.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DISTRICT I CONVENTION:** Connie Chrissis. The Convention will be held from Thursday, June 25 through Saturday, June 27, 2026 in Willmar.

**-Advertising in Convention Booklet.** Becky Foro's ad was unanimously accepted.

**-Silent Auction Donation:** The Calendar will be placed in Lowell Johnson's Calendar Frame.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SKI FOR LIGHT:** Connie Chrissis. A motion was made by Jean Knaak and seconded by Sharon Amann to donate \$200 and passed unanimously.

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MINNESOTA:** A motion was made by Jean Knaak for the Lodge to reimburse up to \$10 toward parking for workers who work at least 4 hours with receipts and passed unanimously.

**TREATS:** Provided by Kathy Kaluza.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Kathy Kaluza adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.

**OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Future Meetings will be held Monday, May 4, and Monday, June 1, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM, at Ramsey County Library in Maplewood, MN.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Sheryl Hove

Assistant Recording Secretary