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Kurt Carlson

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Cultural Leader
Ingrid Carlson

Historian
Jack Olson

Friendship
Connie Wild

Past Chairman
Duncan Peterson

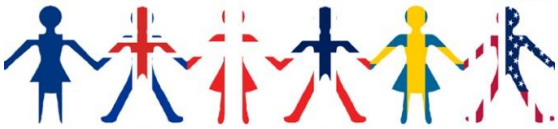
Dalahäst Lodge 742
Meeting Notes for March 10, 2019

Opening & Welcome

Chairman Jack Olson called the Sunday meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and led The Pledge of Allegiance and Cathy Longo read the Chaplain's message.

District Deputy Evald Eskilson was not able to attend and there were no guests. Lynne Roemer was also absent and Kathleen Evans assumed the secretarial role.

Minutes - The February Minutes had been sent to members. Chairman Olson called for additions or corrections to the January minutes; there being none, Linda Borsuk moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Harvey Evans.



Friendship – Connie Wild was absent. Rose Olson asked for everyone's prayers for Barbro Barnes, who is having serious issues now as her health is not improving.

Remember to keep our VASA Brothers and Sisters in your prayers

Outreach Care Ministry – There were no food items contributed to the church's Treasure Chest this month.

Membership – no news

Unfinished Business – As Vice Chairman Duncan Peterson was absent at February's installation ceremony, he was given the oath today. Additionally, Chairman Olson presented Duncan with the past chairman's pin.

Correspondence – None

New Business – In the interest of saving the lodge money, Lynne Roemer has investigated other meeting site options that might cost less than $50/meeting. The Middletown Public Library has a meeting room available which is free for non-profit organizations. Our newest member, Deb Hodges, a Middletown resident, reported the room is quite large with a small kitchen. After discussing this option, the group agreed that the Luther Memorial room (especially the library) was adequate and is more centrally located for the current membership. We can certainly discuss other site options in future, however.

Need for District Deputy: Kathleen advised that Kristina Orlandi, current Vice District Master, had called to ask for a lodge member to serve as District Deputy for Lodge Vågen beginning with the next administration. Frank Csulak has filled this role for many years and is not able to continue. Deb Hodges expressed interest and asked for more details as to what the position entailed.

Lodge HISTORIAN position open: Jack Olson was installed as the new Historian last month but he has reconsidered due to concerns about storage space. **At this time, no one volunteered for this position so we need to fill the role.**

Helen Haumacher called Kathleen to ask if our lodge could put together a record of our activities over the past several years. Kathleen will be following up with Helen to determine deadline, format, categories and essential details. As this will tie in with a review of the Historian's albums and materials, it was decided that we should have the materials brought to the April or May meeting so the members present can review. Barbara Peterson and Deb Hodges agreed to assist with putting pictures and accounts into the requested format (hopefully a digital one).

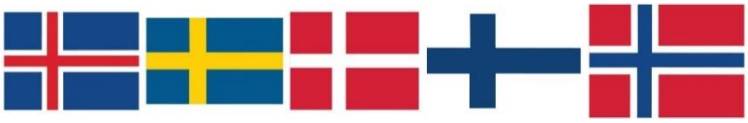
Financial Matters – Financial Secretary Rose Olson reported she is pleased that all members except two have paid dues. Timely dues payment is crucial to our financial needs, and she thanked everyone. Ingrid Carlson volunteered to connect with the last two who need to send a check.

Treasurer Kristen Isakson read the Financial Report summary:

Beginning balance on January 31, 2019		$2,424.42
Receipts (dues)		$300.00
Expenses	(church donation and stamps)	$60.00
Balance on February 28, 2019		$2,724.42

Kristen noted that the last check for Per Capita dues has yet to be cashed, thus the higher balance.

Harvey Evans moved to accept the report and pay the bills, Cathy Longo seconded and the Motion was passed.



Cultural Report – Kathleen Evans shared her family's experiences of hosting 11 exchange students. The first student, Louise, was 16 when she lived with them for the 1986-87 high school year: she is now 50 and had a wonderful celebration in Gothenburg. The Evans' son, Nick (who was 11 when Louise lived with them) was able to attend this happy event.

Good of the Order –

No one had contributions.

Kristen Isakson is posting items concerning Scandinavians in Dalahäst postings on Facebook and Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/dalahast742 . Please check them out.

March Birthdays

Norma Beaty- March 1

Ingrid Carlson- March 5

Evelyn Venberg- March 6

Cathy Longo- March 17

Bo Carlsson- March 24

Upcoming Events in the Area –

Saturday, March 23, 2019	**Swedish American Historical Museum** Swedish Cooking Workshop 10:00- 2:00 Create three unique Swedish canapes including a bite sized version of Smörgåstårta, followed by Toast Skagen, and a herring cocktail (not a drink but a layered dip). For desserts we will make *Prinsesstårta* or princess cake and *Kladdkaka:* a Swedish chocolate sticky cake. Space is extremely limited; $50 per person (includes all food and drinks). Reservations are required, please register by March 18th. $35, reservation required.
Saturday, March 30, 2019	**Vasa Park** **District Master Testimonial - Honoring District Master Bob Coleman** at the Cultural Center at Vasa Park Tickets $45 - Cocktail Hour begins 5 PM Reservation Deadline is Saturday, March 23, 2019. Make the check payable to NJ District Six, VOA Send to: Bob Coleman, 945 Central Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060 contact Bob Coleman VDM phone (908) 472-0861 email: rjcteacher@gmail.com

NOTE: Look for complete Vasa activity list on http://www.vasaorder.net/calendar.cfm?lodge=D6

The meeting concluded at 3:10 p.m. and we enjoyed the coffee and Irish soda bread brought by Ingrid Carlson and Linda Borsuk's coffee bread. Yum.

Next formal confirmed meeting of Dalahäst Lodge:

Friday, April 12, 2019, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Church. Please note the change to our Friday evening meetings.

Lynne Roemer, Secretary