

# **GOLDEN VALLEY LODGE NO. 616**

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

Thursday May 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Chairman Kerstin Wendt.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited, and the Opening song was sung.

The Chaplain's message was read.

Roll call was taken by Bill Wendt. We skipped reading the last meetings minutes since they were sent by email and regular mail to all members. We had a clarification of the last months minutes to explain the financial report notes that our 33 gold card members were counted as a part of the paid group. A vote was taken and verbal o.k. to accept the minutes as read was approved.

There were no new membership applications, however Gunilla had gotten hold of Berit and her daughter and they had intended to come tonight to be interviewed, but something had come up and it will have to wait until the fall

There were 43 members present and 1 guest. Welcome Ethyl Elliott, friend of Dagmar Rydberg and member of the North Star Lodge No. 106. **COMMITTEE**

### **REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Ann-Kristin Karling reported we now have 87 members that have paid their dues and 28 that have not paid yet. We also have 14 new members that have paid their dues, and 33 Gold Card Members—for a total of 162 members

## **SICK COMMITTEE**

Bertil Winther reported that we have Stig Klintare on the sick list. Bertil said we have sent him flowers and he has had neck surgery.

## **CULTURAL LEADER**

Our cultural leader for tonight is Birgitta Glad and she says we have a colorful parrot piñata to play with tonight.

## **BUILDING CORPORATION**

Bertil Winther reports that the meeting discussed the 2008 taxes. We will be keeping the same accountant as we have had. We may be filing a dispute on some of the attorney's charges. Nathan Coddling has been talking to the attorney and will write a letter to send at the end of the month.

### **CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**

Birgitta Clark says the meeting talked about Midsommer on June 28<sup>th</sup>, which is coming up. It was brought up that our lodge doesn't have a girl for the Midsommer Court this year. There is also the question of what job at Midsommer is Golden Valley Lodge supposed to do? Nathan came in later and

informed us that at Midsommer, Golden Valley will be in charge of the Hamburger stand and the Tombola. Instead of hamburgers we will be serving meatballs.

It was brought up that the fall Marknaad festival may have a meatball cook off and each lodge would have a booth. We are going to need a meatball committee then to "get things rolling".

## **VASA PARK ASSOCIATION**

Frank Muscarella reports that they have had their meeting and there is a problem with the storage building work. The Fire Department is requiring fire sprinklers in the storage area and so a main line needs to be installed for the water. They have one bid of approx \$120,000. There is a possibility that one of the neighbors can share the cost. The meeting also discussed the fall Marknaad and meatball contest.

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Bertil Winther reports that the Scholarship applications and documents were mailed out in the newsletter and emails. They are due October 1, 2009.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Maidie Karling brought up the need to vote on what to do with the Ake Boschen money.

She listed the 7 prior suggestions as follows.

1. Huntington Library and tea house.
2. Griffith Park Observatory.
3. Peterson Auto Museum, \$6 plus lunch costs.
4. Getty on the hill, free but \$10 parking.
5. San Fernando Mission.
6. China town by subway, plus lunch costs.
7. Disney Concert Hall.
8. Santa Anita Racetrack(Birgitta Glad suggested)

Discussion talked about the cost of concert tickets and the Hollywood bowl or Santa Anita was added. It was noted that lots of us will be gone this summer so the trip would likely be this fall. Frank Muscarella made the motion to wait to vote in the June meeting and you can also vote by mail or email: Isabella Muscarella second it and it was voted on and passed. Hubert Pitters suggested we put a money cost to our considerations and Bill Wendt will include the list in the next newsletter. Please call or email Bill Wendt with any more suggestions you may have for us to vote on.

**CORRESPONDENCES** We got a thank you note from Gunilla Thelin for our concern when her mother passed; we received a thank you/announcement card from Melissa Steffen, who graduates from CSU Northridge with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, thanks to the scholarship money she

received from Golden Valley Lodge.

We received a letter from the Vasa Archives asking for membership and donations

We received the Skandia Nytt newsletter

We received a note from the Swedish Church in San Pedro asking for donations

We received a note from the Central Association asking for a donation for the Gate Prize for Midsommer.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

This Sunday, May 17, is the Spring Fest at Vasa Park. There are flyers on the table. The pool will be open. Our lodge is going to help out in the Tombola and with the Ice Cream, Soda and Water Sales. Volunteers are needed, so please help out. The children's club, Svenska Skolan, will be there with lots of fun and games for the kids planned by Ann Heinstedt

We will be having a district fundraiser, yard sale, on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be at Maidie Karling's house and all donations are accepted. All were invited to come and shop or to help out, or bring donations.

There will be a cheese and wine party in Huntington Beach this summer put on by the Past District Masters Club. Fliers are in the front.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Isabella Muscarella made a motion to donate \$40 for the Vasa Park Midsommer gate prize. Bertil Winther seconded it. It was voted on and passed.

## **ACTING ON BILLS RECEIVED**

We paid the Gate Prize for \$40.00 to SACA

\$38.54 to Birgitta Glad for tonight's centerpieces and piñata. Postage and copies totaling \$63.86 was paid for to Bertil Winther.

Maidie Karling was paid \$54.36 for purchasing the gift certificate for Isabella and a card

Marie Mickelson was paid \$204.38 for dinner for tonight.

A bill for the CD's purchased was paid for \$100.00. These were for prizes for our raffles

Netwood Communications was paid \$509.40 for our Golden Valley Lodge web site which covers the year from March 2009 to March 2010.

Isabella Muscarella moved to pay the bills and it was seconded by Maidie Karling and it was voted on and passed.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Marie Mickelson Thanked Gunilla and Lena Thelin for all of us, as we all enjoyed the dinner at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron last month

Simi Valley resident and lodge member, Birgitta Glad, invited those of us not going to Sweden over the

summer to her house for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It would be a potluck and bring your own drinks smorgasbord. She suggested us putting it into the newsletter also. She will probably need to borrow some tables and chairs

Chairman Kerstin Wendt Congratulated Alf and Dagmar Rydberg on their 40 year Lodge membership and gave Dagmar their pins.

Nathan Coddling is here with a sign up sheet for Midsummer on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to help in the hamburger stand, to serve meatballs and also in the Tombola booth.

Frank Muscarella moves to pay for 3 coronation luncheons for Andrea Tabanelli, Maidie Karling and Birgitta Clark. Nathan Coddling seconded it and the ayes passed it.

## **TREASURERS REPORT The treasurers report was read, received and filed.**

## **FLOWER MARCH**

The flower march took in \$47.

Closing song was sung. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, 2009.

## **MONTHLY MEETING DINNER**

### **SIGN UP SHEET**

April 9, 2009

Sven and Gertie Lingstine

Lars Sjöhlín and LuLu Sjöhlín

May 14, 2009

Marie Mickelson   Bertil Winther

Birgitta Glad   Kerstin Engblom

GVL Trip May Social

Gunlilla and Lena Thelin

Inglá Sorenson

June 11, 2009

Maria Jacobs   Britt Potter

Rikard Siverson   Gunilla Hamaoui

September 10, 2009

Steve and Andrea Tabanelli

Brigitta Clark   Viola kindstrand

October 8, 2009

Maidie karling     Ann-Kristin karling

Nathan Coddling

November 19, 2009

Sonja Andonian     Rut Eneberg

Sylva Pitters     Tommy Eneberg

December 10, 2009 To be determined

January 14, 2010

Karin Coleman

Steve and Lena Osman

January Social Dinner To be determined

February 11, 2010

Lillemo Possecker     Gunvor Sabo

Stig and Yvonne Klintare

March 11, 2010

Gertie and Sven Lingstrom

April 8, 2010

Tina and Kristina DeHart     Mona and Melissa Steffen