

MEETING MINUTES
Thursday April 8, 2010
GOLDEN VALLEY LODGE NO. 616

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman Bertil Winther.

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 Maidie Karling. There were 58 members present at the meeting, plus the district officers.

Bertil Winther introduced our guests, DM Bob Salk, VDM Susan Premo, PDM Mary Ethel Pierson, DT Thomas Jahn, and EBM Kevin Luft, DCL Maidie Karling and DT Isabella Muscarella. Gunilla Thelin introduced two guests. Welcome to all.

Minutes from previous meeting: Bertil asked if everyone had received their copy of the minutes of the last meeting so we could forgo reading them. There were some changes. Add: Gunilla Thelin also received her 10 year pin and her Convention expenses were reimbursed. Change: the Scholarship committee people are Hubert, Sonja, Kerstin Engblom, Marie and Bertil. Change: It was Gun Olin who had foot surgery.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Emily Wendt read the report. We have 31 gold card members, 90 paid members and 37 outstanding members for a total of 159. Member Kimberly Zeissler wants to transfer to North-Star Lodge in Spokane, State of Washington. She will be dropped at end of year.

SICK COMMITTEE: Maria Jacobs had injured her right wrist, is doing better and is here tonight.

BUILDING CORPORATION Bertil Winther informed the meeting was last week on Thursday. May social dinner was discussed. Reservations must be made by May 1st. The deposit is a refundable \$45 provided you show up and are paid up with your 2010 dues. BC also discussed the financial disaster of the grand Lodge and options for us to vote on. Hubert Pitters, the treasurer has received refund of \$1,900.00 from IRS and for late penalty error plus interest.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION: Birgitta Clark reports no meeting this month and the selection for midsummer court will be done on April 24, at Skandia Hall in Pasadena. If you'd like to attend it is \$15 for lunch and starts at 10:30 am. Send money to Elizabeth Cepielik at SACA.

VASA PARK ASSOCIATION: Frank Muscarella reports they are working on the galvanized pipes and sewage for the kitchen.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Hubert Pitters reported that the criteria have been gone over by the committee. They are adding a third category to include part time students, they are able to get \$1,000.00 with a life time maximum of \$10,000. The committee will increase 5 points for participation in the Lodge activities and decrease same for conversing in the Swedish Language. The new scholarship criteria will be in the next newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1. The committee to produce a letter stating our dissatisfaction of the financial mishap by the Grand Lodge could not come to a consensus. A ballot will be sent out to all members to vote on.
2. Marie Mickelson made the motion to send out this letter to all the lodges in our district with as wide a distribution as possible. Seconded by Viola Kindstrand and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. Received a Thank You letter from the District regarding our donation.
2. A Thank You letter from Siv Swan Pierson for our \$2,000 Scholarship Donation.

3. Thank You card from Gun Olin.
4. Received flyers regarding Viking Village, The Vasa Family Day on May 2, where Maidie will man the Coffee Station, Thule Lodge 85th Anniversary dinner held at Beckhams Grill in Pasadena on May 8, and Mayflower Lodge having a trip o Las Vegas on Friday April 23rd and returning Sunday April 25th to visit the Valhalla Lodge.
5. Newsletters from SWEA, The Swedish Church in San Pedro, Scandia Nytt, Evening Star, Mayflower and Desert Viking News.
6. Received the minutes of the last District Convention.
7. A copy of a Wall Street Journal with an article about Nordic books.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE EVENTS 1. May 2nd is Family Day and Maidie needs people to help out and bring home-baked goods for Kaffe Stugan.

2. Santa Anita trip is coming up next weekend. By Maria the food is sit-down not buffet.
3. Bertil has been in contact with Karin Coleman regarding the Christmas Dinner.

NEW BUSINESS 1. Hubert Pitters made a motion to accept the changes to the scholarship rules as stated. Seconded by Frank and passed.

2. Maidie made a motion to pay our midsummer court candidate \$100 for representing our Lodge. Seconded by Nathan and passed.
3. Maidie made the motion to pay for the delegates and their spouses or delegate substitute to attend the Coronation Ball. Seconded by Nathan and passed. Maidie will attend and vote in place of Andrea Tabanelli.
4. Frank made a motion to invite the District Officers on the Executive Board to our May 23rd social dinner and charge them \$25. The balance will be paid by our Lodge. Seconded by Britt Potter and passed.

ACTING ON BILLS RECEIVED: 1. \$20 for the senior citizens donation this month.

2. \$50.00 to clean up the Lodge meeting room after us.
3. \$1,0960.00 to Maidie Karling for the Santa Anita Final charge and \$8.80 for stamps.
4. \$194.00 to Harvey Peterson for name badges.
5. \$35.00 to Mona Steffen, reimbursed for the District Convention Luncheon.
6. \$750.00 Deposit for May Social Dinner to Kerstin Wendt
7. For tonight refreshments \$109.00 Kerstin Engblom, \$13.29 to Sonia Andonian, \$11.96 to Katarina Holstein, \$146.23 to Mona Steffen, and \$98.89 to Tina DeHart.
7. \$93.60 to Bertil for postage and copies. No 2000 on voice recorder

GOOD OF THE ORDER: We have available one extra ticket for \$56 to go to Santa Anita Racetrack. District Master Bob Salk congratulated us on a great meeting. Kerstin Engblom introduced her friends Sven and Ann. Mary Ethel thanked the Lodge for their support at the Convention. Sven Lingstrom introduced his sister Ulla Lingstrom. Jane Hendricks was welcomed to our Lodge. Carl Jonasson from Viking Lodge introduced himself. _

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurers report was read by Ann-Kristin Karling. It was accepted as read.

FLOWER MARCH: The flower march took in \$53. Closing song was sung. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Our next meeting will be May 13, 2010.

Maidie Karling: Secretary of the Lodge