

GOLDEN VALLEY LODGE NO. 616

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday April 9, 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. The charter was still draped in black for the death of our dear member, Harv Jensen. .

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. A vote was taken and verbal o.k. to accept them was approved.

There was one new membership application for Sabrina Stenoj, the 17 year old daughter of Berit Stenoj. We will be having all installations next October 2009.

There were 36 members present and 8 guests. The new District Master Mary Ethel Pierson and some of her staff were with us tonight. District Secretary, Arlene Lundquist and her husband Hans were here, as well as District Treasurer Bob Solt and his wife Nel. She is the Assistant Secretary. Kevin Luft, the District Master of Ceremonies and Kerstin Wendt the Assistant Master of Ceremonies were there also. Past District Master, Isabella Muscarella introduced them all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ann-Kristin Karling reported we now have 83 members that have paid their dues, 12 new members are paid, and 65 that have not paid yet. We also have 33 gold card members.

SICK COMMITTEE

Bertil Winther reported that we have no one on the sick list. Bertil made the announcement of the death of Gunilla Thelin's mother. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her.

CULTURAL LEADER

Our cultural leaders for tonight were Hubert and Sylva Pitters. We had an Easter game. Everyone tried to get the hard boiled egg into the balloon. Fun and prizes were had by everyone.

BUILDING CORPORATION

Bertil Winther reports that at the meeting they discussed the revised financial plan that was accepted with a few changes. Also the Building Corps charter needs to be changed and the process is a slow one. Frank Muscarella and Nathan Coddling are looking into getting a new attorney that might have more experience for our needs.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

Nathan Coddling and Birgitta Clark are both absent tonight.

VASA PARK ASSOCIATION

Frank Muscarella reports that they haven't had their meeting yet.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Bertil Winther reports that the scholarship forms & criteria will be mailed out in the next newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bertil Winther mentioned the possibility of having a Golden Valley Lodge yard sale in October, long after the one on May 30th that Maidie Karling will be having for the district.

CORRESPONDENCES

We received a thank you from Leila Jensen and a picture of the flowers that we sent for Harv's memorial service. Also, The Swedish American Central Association sent us an application for anyone interested in the Midsommar Court. Also we got the announcement for the ad in the Midsommar Program.

FUTURE EVENTS

Gunilla Thelin reports the April 26th dinner at the 94th Aero Squadron in Van Nuys is at 5 p.m. 40 people have already paid their deposits. The signup forms are up at the front tables tonight.

Bertil Winther reports that the California Lutheran Festival is coming up on April 18 and 19th. and he also reminded us about the Vasa Park Spring Festival in May.

Discussion on the Ake Boshen trip monies began. Gunvor Sabo came up with the idea of the Huntington Library in South Pasadena. They have High Tea and serve you finger foods and tea, and then you stroll around the grounds. Karin Coleman came up with the idea of taking the subway to downtown and visiting Olivera

Street or China town. Kerstin Engblom came up with the idea of taking in a concert at the Disney Concert Hall. All of your ideas should be directed to Maidie Karling by phone or email. Please help we need your input.

NEW BUSINESS

Kerstin Wendt brought up the need to form a committee to interview our new prospective members. It was reminded that this is also in our bylaws. Gunilla Thelin was asked to head up the committee, she accepted.

Frank and Isabella Muscarella along with Sylva Pitters volunteered to join her.

Isabella Muscarella made a motion to take out a \$75 ad for the Vasa Park Midsummer booklet. Bertil Winther seconded it. It was passed with an aye vote and no discussion needed.

We received by mail the application for membership for Sabrina Stenoj.

ACTING ON BILLS RECEIVED

The bills for this evening are as follows: Ann-Kristin for the Past District Masters Luncheon flowers for \$140.00, Karin Coleman for District expenses \$90.00, Gertie Lingstrom for refreshments \$23.25, Karin Coleman for 2 months liquid refreshments \$77.24, Bertil for stamps \$20.16, Harvey Peterson for badges \$8.84, Bill Wendt for binders \$12.01 and for postage \$4.36, and finally Gun Olin for refreshments \$120.57. Isabella Muscarella moved to pay the bills and it was seconded by Frank Muscarella and the ayes passed it.

Karin Coleman made the motion to pay for the luncheon of Ann-Kristin Karling at the district convention for the work she did on the flower arrangements there. Isabella Muscarella seconded it, no discussion ensued and the ayes passed it.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Our new district master, Mary Ethel Pearson was introduced. She spoke to us and introduced her cabinet and also sister, Jane Hendricks. Jane was also a past district master and is now a trustee.

Hubert Pitters introduced his guest from Holland here on his first visit to the states.

Bertil Winthers reminded us he has lottery tickets for sale and also has 4 extra gifts of the CD's we bought from last month's band entertainment.

Ruth Wilkening announced she has fliers on the table up front for her country band concerts.

Rut Eneberg told us about a Nordic film they saw called Everlasting moment. Set in the early 1900's southern Sweden about relationships and photography.

Goran Erikson reports on the possible closing of the Swedish Embassy in Los Angeles at the end of this month. He urges us to get involved.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Maidie Karling's financial report was received, the beginning balance was \$8115.46, deposits were \$440.00, checks were written for \$3285.63, and the ending balance was \$5269.83. The report was read by Ann-Kristin in Maidies absence.

FLOWER MARCH

The flower march took in \$65.00

Closing song was sung. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2009

William Wendt---Secretary, Golden Valley Lodge

MONTHLY MEETING DINNER SIGN UP SHEET

June 11, 2009

Maria Jacobs Britt Potter
Rikard Siwerson Gunilla Hamaoui

September 10, 2009

Steve and Andrea Tabanelli
Birgitta 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