



Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway Business Meeting Minutes June 4, 2015

PRE-FUNCTIONS

Prior to the opening of the business meeting, members, visitors, and guests were treated to a delicious dinner and the second part of an informative program presented by Judy Scott, who visited Norway during the 200th Anniversary Celebration of their Constitution.

CALL TO ORDER

President Diane Nelson called the June 4, 2015, business meeting of Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway, to order at 8:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN AND NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Marshal Julie Touchette led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America as well as the singing of the National Anthems of both the United States of America and Norway.

OPENING SONG AND PRAYER

Cultural Director Karen Bell led members in singing *Nidelven*. She also gave the opening prayer.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

President Nelson welcomed visitors.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Marshall Touchette presented the following new members for initiation into Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway: Jean Kellogg, Wendy Neptun, Gerd Spencer, and Randi Stokka.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Secretary Garner silently recorded the roll of officers. The following were noted as being present: President Diane Nelson, Vice President Lisa Ottoson, Judge Mardy Fairchild, Secretary Carlene Garner, Treasurer Chris Engstrom, Financial Secretary Kari Stackpole, Cultural Director Karen Bell, Marshal Julie Touchette, Assistant Marshal Kirsten Bell, Inner Greeter Suzy

Johnston, Outer Greeter Nadine Lewtas, Head Trustee Sarah Callow, Two-year Trustee Carolyn Benson, and Three-year Trustee Sharon Groeneveld,

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

President Nelson presented Grand Lodge Financial Secretary Donita Zblewski and Grand Lodge Treasurer Chris Engstrom.

MINUTES

The minutes from the May 7, 2015 meeting were attached to the meeting notice. The minutes were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Garner read a thank you note from the Family Renewal Shelter.

REPORTS

The following reported:

Vice President Lisa Ottoson thanked the evening's hostesses for setting up and providing the delicious meal: Kari Stackpole, Donita Zblewski, Elda Sulerud, Maren Johnson, and Karen Bell.

Vice President Ottoson announced that Hanna Ellastad was selected to be the recipient of Embla's \$500.00 scholarship. Hanna is the granddaughter of member Inez Squire.

Vice President Ottoson also announced that she had application information for the Grand Lodge Scholarship. The application could also be found on the Daughters of Norway website.

Sunshine Chairman Marilyn Mahnke reported that Carmen Knudtson has had hip surgery and is recuperating at the Lutheran Home. She further reported that Elaine Andersen fell and broke her arm.

Service Project Coordinator Karen Bell thanked members for their donations of items to the Family Renewal Shelter and suggested that school items be brought to the September meeting. She also thanked Carolyn Benson for delivering the collected items to the Shelter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Nelson reported that the application Embla sent to Brown Bear for fund raising car wash tickets had not been acknowledged. There will be a follow-up to find out if this is still a feasible project.

President Nelson reported that the July 18, Summer Luncheon will cost \$25.00 and will feature a no-host wine bar. Members 75 years and older will be Embla's guest for lunch. Elizabeth Ward from the Scan Center will be the speaker with a topic of Viking Women.

President Nelson reported that there will be a cookie baking and lefse making session prior to the October Nordic Festival. The date

has not yet been set, but members will be notified as soon as it is. President Nelson reported that the September meeting will feature a silent auction. Members were urged to start saving their items now and to bring them priced to the meeting. Anything not sold will be held over for the garage sale that will take place on the 4th and 5th of September. Members were also asked to bake and donate cookies that would be sold during the garage sale.

President Nelson also reported that the November meeting will feature Embla's annual "Norwegian Sale." Members are invited to bring Norwegian items to sell and keep the proceeds.

FLOWER MARCH

The Flower March was conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

Janet Ruud announced that a play, "Det Andre Landet" about emigrants Andrew and Thea Foss has been written and will be premiered on a Norwegian stage in August. Embla has been invited to join with two other Lodges, Thea Foss and Norden #2, in the purchasing of an ad for the play's program. The total cost to Embla would be \$175.00. Grace Bredeson moved to donate \$175.00 towards the cost of an ad in the program. The motion was seconded and adopted.

President Nelson announced that she would be hosting a Bunco Party on Friday, June 26, for up to 24 persons. The cost will be \$20.00 per person and will feature dinner, dessert, wine and beer, snacks, and prizes. The proceeds from the party will go to the convention fund.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Secretary Stockpole reported that a few members' dues remain unpaid. Each will be personally contacted. They are: Marta Berg, Elizabeth Cook, Ilo Grobins, Mona Margolis, Joyce Nelson, Cynthia Oliver-Moffett, Caitlan Whitley, and Judy Whitley.

Treasurer Chris Engstrom announced that the financial reports have been printed and are on the back table for pick-up.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Judge Mardy Fairchild reported that she discovered the meaning of the initials *DNSHK* on the officers' regalia, as they differ from the initials on the banner. The regalia initials are Norwegian for Pacific Coast, whereas the banner is the English version.

Daniele Brown reported that there will be a Skandia Midsommarfest at St. Edwards State Park, in Kenmore, on Sunday, June 28.

Christine Beasley announced that the 2015 December program for Puget Sound Revels will have a Scandinavian emphasis. Performances will be held December 19 – 23, at the Rialto Theater,

in downtown Tacoma.

Grace Bredeson reminded members to save their cancelled postage stamps. The stamps should be trimmed to 1/4". If that is not possible, they should not be trimmed; Grace and her committee will then do the trimming.

Inner Greeter Suzy Johnston reminded members that there were several sign-up sheets on the back table that all members need to look over prior to leaving this evening's meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Erika Michal announced that she was collecting photos that represent the best of one's Norwegian heritage and invited members to submit photos for her project.

CLOSING

President Nelson announced that the next meeting would be September 3, at 6:00pm and will feature Embla's annual auction. Members were encouraged to bring guests.

AJOURNMENT

Judge Fairchild read the closing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Carlene Garner, Secretary

Greeters Suzy Johnston and Nadine Lewtas conducted the 50/50 Drawing with Daniel Brown being the lucky winner.