



## **Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway Business Meeting Minutes February 5, 2015**

### **PRE-FUNCTIONS**

Prior to the opening of the business meeting, members, visitors, and guests were treated to a delicious dinner and an exciting program.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Diane Nelson called the February 5, 2015, business meeting of Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway to order at 7:32pm.

### **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 *Let us Live for One Another* in both English and Norwegian. She also gave the opening prayer.

### **VISITORS AND GUESTS**

President Nelson welcomed visitors and guests to Embla's February meeting. She introduced the following: Linda Fialkowski from Prillar Guri Lodge, Anne Valskell, a guest of Linda's, and Wendy Neptun who joined Embla during the meeting.

### **PROGRAM**

President Nelson thanked member Erika Michael for presenting the after dinner program on her trip to Norway and visiting the Vesterheim Museum.

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Secretary Carlene 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, Financial Secretary Kari Stackpole, Treasurer Chris Engstrom, Cultural Director, Karen Bell, Marshal Julie Touchette, Assistant Marshal Kirsten Bell, Inner Greeter Suzy Johnston, Head Trustee Sarah Callow, Two-year Trustee Carolyn Benson, Outer Greeter Nadine Lewtas, Musician Elda Sulerud and Assistant Musician Maren Johnson. Trustee Sarah Callow announced that Third Year Trustee Sharon Groeneveld was unable to attend the meeting and sitting in her place was Torun Parker.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

President Nelson, assisted by Cultural Director Bell, conducted a memorial service for those members who died during the 2014 Lodge year. Remembered were: June Radich, Esther Carlson, Sigrid Sowell, Helen Garner and Pat Koessler.

## **MINUTES**

Vice President Lisa Ottoson moved to approve the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Secretary Garner read thank notes from Harriet Swieso and the Family Renewal Shelter. She also read the Resolution of Sympathy for June Radich.

## **REPORTS**

The following reported:

Vice President Lisa Ottoson thanked the evening's hostess for setting up and providing a wonderful meal: Rae Anne Catron, Mardy Fairchild, Gail Harris, Jeanne Medley, and Judie Miller.

Vice President Ottoson also reported that there were a sufficient number of hostesses for the March , April, and May meetings

Sunshine Chairman Marilyn Mahnke reported on sisters who were in need of our thoughts and prayers: Janice Kelly, Marta Berg, and Karen Lease-Smith

Cooking Class Coordinator Judith Willison gave the dates for the Spring Cooking Classes: Tuesday, March 10, Monday, March 16, and Saturday, March 28. All classes will be held at PLU's Scandinavian Cultural Center.

Service Project Coordinator Karen Bell thanked members for their donations of valentines for the children and make-up for the moms at the Family Renewal Shelter. She announced that March's donations will be Easter themed, with Peeps for the children and something sweet

for the moms.

Embla Scholarship Chairman Lisa Ottoson announced that Scholarship Applications were now available and are due to her by April 1.

Head Trustee Sarah Callow announced that the Embla store room at Bethlehem Lutheran Church was inventoried on January 26, and the Audit will be completed in February.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The minutes from the November 6, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Judge Mardy Fairchild announced that Embla would be hosting the Grand Lodge Board Meeting April 17 and 18, 2015. She asked for volunteers to serve on a committee that will work out the logistics of the meeting. Esther Van Noy, Janet Ruud, and Diane Nelson will serve on the committee, along with Judge Fairchild.

Judge Fairchild moved that Judy Rogers be reimbursed \$300.00 towards her per diem, for her services as an Alternate Delegate during the 2014 Grand Lodge Convention. Motion seconded and carried.

## **FLOWER MARCH**

The Flower March was conducted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice President Ottoson moved to accept the 2015 budget as proposed. Motion seconded and carried.

President Nelson announced the following accepted positions as appointed chairmen for 2015: Calling Committee, Arlene McDonald; Crafts, Chris Engstrom; Cooking Classes, Judith Willison; Embla Nyheter, Janet Ruud and Sarah Callow; Grand Lodge Scribe, Jeanne Medley; Historian/Scrapbook, Sue Bentz; Librarian, Esther Van Noy; Membership, Marilyn Mahnke; Scholarships (G.L. and Embla), Lisa Ottoson; Syttende Mai (Seattle Committee), Lisa Ottoson; Service Project, Karen Bell; and Sunshine, Marilyn Mahnke.

President Nelson announced that the 2015 Norwegian Heritage Fest will be held on April 25, in Anderson Hall. She and Marshal Touchette are attending planning meetings on behalf of Embla. Sign-up sheets are available for those willing to assist with the Embla's responsibilities at the Festival.

President Nelson announced the annual Summer Luncheon, to honor members over 75 years of age, will be held on July 18, 2015 at the SCC.

President Nelson announced the Executive Board recommended that Embla again sponsor Nordic Festival on October 10, 2015, at Edgemont Junior High School. Judge Fairchild moved to accept the Board's recommendation. Motion seconded and carried.

**FINANCIAL  
SECRETARY'S  
AND TREASURER'S  
REPORTS**

Financial Secretary Kari Stackpole announced all but 26 members have paid their 2015 dues. She asked members who would be paying by mail in the next few weeks to send their check to Treasurer Chris Engstrom, as Financial Secretary Stackpole will be out of town for the next meeting.

The Treasurer had no report.

**FOR THE GOOD OF  
THE ORDER**

Vice President Ottoson reported that she is attending the planning meetings for Ballard's May 17, Syttende Mai. She reminded members to note this date on their calendars.

President Nelson again thanked those who assisted with January's meal and installation.

Vice President Ottoson announced SCC's February calendar.

Janet Ruud reminded members that The News Tribune has deleted Olso, Norway, from its weather page. She asked members to complain in the hope of having Olso reinstated as part of the international weather updates.

**REVISED  
STANDING RULES**

Judge Fairchild announced that copies of the revised Standing Rules were available.

**NEXT MEETING**

President Nelson announced the next meeting will be held on March 3, 2015, and speaker will be new member Cindy Bentson will present Adventures in Scandinavian Cooking.

**AJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

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Carlene Garner, Secretary

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