



**Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway
Business Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2015**

PRE-FUNCTIONS

Prior to the opening of the business meeting, members, visitors, and guests were treated to a delicious dinner and 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 May 7, 2015, business meeting of Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway to order at 7:35pm.

**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 the *Daughters of Norway* song. She also gave the opening prayer.

**VISITORS AND
GUESTS**

President Nelson welcomed visitors.

**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, Two-year Trustee Carolyn Benson, Three-year Trustee Sharon Groeneveld, and Musician Elda Sulerud. Marilyn Mahnke sat in for absent Head Trustee Sarah Callow.

MINUTES

The minutes from the April 9, 2015 meeting were attached to the meeting notice. The minutes were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Garner read thank you notes from: the Family Renewal Shelter, Grand Lodge Trustee Karen Bartos, Grand Lodge Board, and Nordic Festival Chair Ross Willison.

REPORTS

The following reported:

Sunshine Chairman Marilyn Mahnke reported that both Evangeline Billingsley and Janice Kelly recently fell, and Harriet Swieso and Carol Spencer are recuperating from surgery.

Vice President Lisa Ottoson thanked the evening's hostesses for setting up and providing the delicious meal: Ester Van Noy, Julie Touchette, Kirsten Bell, Karen Lynn, Mary McGoran, and Lisa Ottoson.

Scholarship Chairman Lisa Ottoson reported that the Embla Scholarship winner will be announced at the June meeting.

Vice President Ottoson reported that the May 17, Syttende Mai luncheon tickets are \$30.00, and are available at this evening's meeting. Embla members will be joining with two others Lodges for the Parade. Those marching should plan to wear either a bunad or Nordic sweater. If a member plans to participate in the Parade, she will need to sign a "Hold Harmless" Agreement prior to parade day.

President Nelson reminded members of the dinner with King Harald in Seattle on Friday, May 22, and the luncheon on the PLU campus on Saturday, May 23. Advance reservations are required for both events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Embla's Leikarring Dancers will participate in the welcoming events prior to the King's arrival at PLU on May 23.

Service Project Coordinator Karen Bell thanked members for their donations of items to the Family Renewal Shelter and suggested that lunch items be brought to the June meeting.

Judge Fairchild thanked the members of Embla for their assistance in hosting, housing, and transporting Grand Lodge members in April.

President Nelson reported that the Norwegian Heritage Festival was very well attended and thanked everyone who participated. The cookies and sandwiches nearly sold out and the rommegrot completely sold out. She also acknowledged Ellen Campbell for the wonderful raffle basket she prepared in Embla's name.

Treasurer Engstrom reported a profit of \$700 from Norway Day, and she also reported on the income from the Norwegian Heritage Festival: the craft table netted \$650, cookies netted \$873, and the sandwiches and rommegrot netted \$530.

President Nelson reported that the committee for the Summer Luncheon will be meeting soon to decide on the theme, menu, etc., and additional volunteers would be most appreciated.

She also reported that the chairmen for the Embla's October Nordic Festival are in place and have held their first meeting.

FLOWER MARCH

The Flower March was conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

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.

President Nelson reported that the fund raising tickets for the Brown Bear Car Wash will be available at the June meeting. The proceeds will be placed in the 2016 Convention Fund.

President Nelson reported that a donation was made to Grand Lodge in honor of the retiring officers from 2014.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Secretary Stockpole reported that members whose dues remain unpaid in June will be dropped from the membership role.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Judge Fairchild restated an invitation received from PLU to attend the flag raising ceremony on Sunday, May 17.

Judge Fairchild reported that Bethlehem Lutheran Church is holding a textile drive for cloth and other textile items, regardless of condition. Items should be brought to the June meeting.

Judge Fairchild asked if anyone knew what the initials *DNSHK* on the officers' regalia mean. Since no one had an answer, she said she would look into it.

Sister Daniele Brown reported that there would be a Skandia Folk Dance Festival at St. Edwards State Park, in Kenmore, on Sunday, June 28.

Sister Christine Beasley reported that the Sons of Norway will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, and would also host a Syttende Mai social on the following Saturday evening.

It was announced that the 2015 winter program for Puget Sound Revels will have a Nordic emphasis.

Judge Fairchild reported that the 2015 directories are available, but must be signed for prior to receiving the new copy.

President Nelson thanked Judge Fairchild and Marilyn Mahnke for their work on the directories.

NEXT MEETING

President Nelson announced that the June meeting will be a St. Hans celebration and will feature and strawberry shortcake and rommegrot.

CLOSING

Judge Fairchild read the closing.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Carlene Garner, Secretary

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