

Tre Lag Stevne Steering Committee Board Minutes
Best Western Kelly Inn
St. Cloud MN
October 12, 2013
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Theme:
Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Cloud MN
August 6-9, 2014

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Attending: Barry Dahl (Tr), Linda Schwartz (Tr), Elaine Haselton (Tr), Dixie Hansen (Hed), Nancy Hawkinson (Tr), Dick Lundgren (Gud), Joy Shong (Hed), Marilyn Sorensen (Gud), Robert Fossum (Tr), Trudy DeKeuster (Tr), Betty Strand (Gud), Jim Olson (Gud)

1) Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by chair Dick Lundgren.

2) The agenda was adopted as presented.

3) Election of Officers

MOTION by Hansen to retain the same slate of officers as last year. Second by Jim Olson. Approved.

2014 Stevne Officers:

Chairman:	Dick Lundgren
Vice Chairman:	John Reindl
Secretary:	Nancy Hawkinson
Treasurer:	Ron Helstad

4) Secretary's minutes from April 13, 2013 accepted as presented.

5) Treasurer's Report

A confusing bill from Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc WI but ultimately accepted. Helstad provided a detailed financial statement showing a loss of \$3,436.81.

Gud	38.30% registrants	\$1,225.41
NH	33.20% registrants	\$1,143.46
Tr	28.50% registrants	\$1,067.94

"Get Well" Plan

Suggestions included having fewer speakers or joining with an additional lag. After discussion, MOTION by Schwartz to continue with the current three lags and review again in the future. Second by Hansen. Approved.

6) Committee Reports

(a) Evaluation (DeKeuster)

Evaluation was kept to two pages. Suggestions for future include having one sheet for everything but speakers and speakers have an evaluation card for each presentation.

(b) Genealogy (Reindl by email)

The hotel was very accommodating; wireless worked well; no major complaints received.

(c) Hospitality (Reindl by email)

Thank you to volunteers, especially the husband of NHOH lag secretary and Joy Shong. One concern would be that there wasn't enough room for people to visit.

(d) Memorial Service (Hansen)

Not a "service" but a "remembrance". Was well received by most.

(e) Program Committee

Consensus that this year's presenters fit stevne theme--Stepping Stones.

- (f) Entertainment
Evening concert was well received. Keynote speaker followed stevne theme.
- (g) Facilities/Local Arrangements
Positive comments on the tour and the Oconomowoc museum. Conference area (speaker rooms, vendors, genealogy) worked well. Concern that it was a long walk to hotel rooms for those with mobility issues.
- (h) Publicity (Hawkinson)
Need to have stevne detail (speakers, cost, and registration information) by mid-April for timely publicity.
- (i) Registration/Signage
No discussion.
- (j) Site Selection
2014 Site. MOTION by Hansen that the TLSSC chairman be authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with the Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, for the 2014 stevne. Second by Sorensen. Approved.

2015/2016 sites have not been chosen. Suggestions included a casino, such as Treasure Island which would possibly have better prices and adequate meeting rooms; return to Fergus Falls—size could accommodate the lower stevne numbers since we were last there in 2005.
- (k) Vendors
Vendor complaint that they don't sell enough. Possible solution to limit number of vendors so they aren't competing with each other and encourage new/different vendors.

7) New Business

- (a) Assignments/Responsibilities
Tabled
- (b) Schedule
Wednesday to Saturday, August 6-9, 2014.
Tour on Wednesday.
Opening ceremony/keynote speaker Thursday morning.
Limit speaker choices to two at a time; each presentation to be given twice.
Genealogy lab open Wednesday evening after tour and after keynote on Thursday. Friday and Saturday hours to be determined later.
- (c) Theme
Concept—the interaction between the emigrant Norwegians with other ethnicities.

[Secretary Hawkinson left / DeKeuster continued minutes]

- (d) Speaker suggestions
Antique appraisals (Jim Marriman & Bonnie Lindberg (they charge) or Graham Fonda free).
Irene Berman—book “We are going to pick potatoes”-her Jewish family story of ‘code Talking’ during WWII in Norway.
Garrison Keillor—Norwegian Bachelor Children—Dick Lundgren has contacted him.
Verlyn Anderson talking about anything.
Joyce Sundrum on reading church records.
Someone on organizing your genealogy computer files and how to source your Information.

Byron Nordstrom to speak on the Bicentennial Anniversary of Constitution of Norway—
prospectus from both Norwegian and Swedish sides.

Kathy Sellto

Larry Moe

Steve Barthel

Someone to speak on migration patterns.

(e) Tour Suggestions

Camp Ripley & Valhalla

St. John's Illuminated Bible at Collegeville MN

Stearns County History Museum

Rune stone in Alexandria

Riverboat ride

Area events taking place at time of stevne

(f) Entertainment Suggestions

"Den Norske Trio" singing group

Ventriloquist (suggested by Dick Lundgren)

8) Next Meeting

January 18, 2014 at place to be announced.

9) Adjourned.

-Nancy Hawkinson

TLSSC Secretary