

Tre Lag Stevne Steering Committee Minutes
MGS Library Classroom
South St. Paul, Minn.
October 3, 2015, 10:00-3:00

Theme: *Lasting Legacies—the future of our past*
Clarion Hotel, South St. Paul, MN
August 3-6, 2016

Please put TLSSC in the Subject of all emails related to the stevne.

Attending: Dick Lundgren (Gud), Joy Shong (Hed), Dixie Hansen (Hed), Marilyn Sorensen (Gud), Linda Schwartz (Tr), Barry Dahl (Tr), Jim Olson (Gud), Chris Falteisek (Hed), Nancy Hawkinson (Tr)

I. Introductions and review of current membership list.

Committee remains the same with exception of Cheryl Goodin who has moved.

II. Review and adoption of agenda

Agenda adopted as presented.

III. Status of TLSSC officers and committee assignments (Vendor person, other)

Chair: Dick Lundgren
Vice chair: Dixie Hansen with Chris Falteisek assisting
Secretary: Nancy Hawkinson
Treasurer: Ron Helstad
Memorial: Dixie Hansen/Chris Falteisek
Registration: Dixie Hansen
Program coordinator: Joy Shong
Catering/Banquet: Linda Schwartz
Publicity: Nancy Hawkinson
Concert: Chris Falteisek
Vendor:
Site selection: (2016) - Dick, Dixie, Marilyn, Barry for Robert
(2017/2018/2019) – Dick and ?
Evaluations: Trudy DeKeuster
Hospitality: Dave Kearin

ACTION ITEM: Dick will follow-up with Robert Fossum to see if he is willing to remain on the TLSSC and Vendor committee(s).

IV. Secretary's minutes from last meeting (March 21, 2015/August 6, 2015)

Minutes accepted as presented.

V. Treasurer's report (Current financial status (2014/2015))

Stevne profit:		\$825.04
Hed	26.50%	\$218.64
Tr	28.66%	\$236.45

Gud 44.84% \$369.95

Stevne lost money on banquet and brunch.

Complete report on www.dxhansen.com/trelag.htm

MOTION: Dixie moved to accept Treasurer's report and authorize Ron to distribute profits.

ACTION ITEM: Dick to ask Ron Helstad to send hotel breakdown to entire committee.

VI. Continuing business/committee reports

A. Evaluations - finalize form

Form well done and summarized.

Based on evaluations it appears people are looking for more history and emigration stories.

On future form ask how did you hear about the stevne.

ACTION ITEM: Dixie will ask Trudy to write a short, one or two paragraph, summary of the evaluations for the newsletters.

B. Genealogy – 2016 lab coordinator identify

Marilyn Sorensen will be the coordinator.

Hotel layout is on www.dxhansen.com/trelag.htm

C. Hospitality - seeking help from local SofN members (could be Twin Cities, many lodges, member contacts)

Vendors and Hospitality in the Kaposia room.

Dave Kearin has agreed to host.

D. Memorial service - "a time for remembering"

Same as last year.

Perhaps also have a rolling video in Hospitality room or at Registration desk.

E. Programs – opening ceremony (bringers of greetings?), movie night, concert

Opening ceremony—Thursday A.M.

Invite Hon. Consul General Eivind Heiberg.

Movie well received in evaluation.

Concert well received in evaluation.

Business meetings

Hed Thursday

Tr Friday

Gud Saturday

ACTION ITEM: Joy will ask Ginny Nelson if there is some else who can lead the Hardanger Klubb since Ginny will not be attending. Marilyn suggested contacting Ginny Wangenast.

F. Entertainment

Suggestion: *Alt for Norway* winner, Beth Butala

G. Facilities/local arrangements - 2 contracts one for guest rooms, one for catering services, Clarion Hotel in S. St. Paul.

Clarion contact: Georgene Versey, 952-288-5141

Contract is available for review on www.dxhansen.com/trelag.htm

\$75 room rate

\$1000 deposit due now.

Since breakfast is provided there is no need for a Saturday brunch.

ACTION ITEM: Need to clarify whether \$8000 expense to obtain free meeting rooms is \$8000 plus guest rooms or does it include guest rooms. Number of rooms blocked for each day needs to be clarified.

H. Tour – ideas, Norway House, Mindekirken, etc.

Suggestions:

Mindekirken

Norway House

Muskego church

I. Publicity

Noted that there were a large number of walk-in participants; it happened before in Eau Claire.

Post notice in college Scandinavian language departments.

Is it possible to obtain a publicity list from Norway House?

J. Registration

Noted that numbers have dropped.

K. Site selection committee, one member from each lag

Barry replaced Robert on site selection committee for 2016 stevne site.

MOTION: by Jim Olson that the proposal from the Clarion Hotel, South St. Paul, be accepted for the 2016 stevne site. Seconded by Dixie.

ACTION ITEM: Committee to come up with locations for next three years. Future site locations need to be a priority.

Suggestions:

2017 La Crosse, Wis.

2018 Austin, Minn.

2019 Rochester, Minn.

L. Vendors

Need a committee head.

Cheryl and her predecessor, Maxine Sandvig, left a good plan.

Noted it's getting more difficult to find vendors.

VII. New Business

A. Assignments/responsibilities

See Item III.

B. Schedule - solidify

C. Theme

Lasting Legacies—the future of our past

Suggest posters from previous stevnes be posted.

ACTION ITEM: Dixie will ask Helen Scherer if she would be willing to design the 2016 poster.

D. Speakers

18 slots to fill.

1 Wednesday

7 Thursday

8 Friday

2 Saturday

Many suggestions including:

Byron Nordstrom, Professor Emeritus, Scandinavian Studies, Gustavus

Beth Butala, *Alt for Norway* winner

Lawrence Moe

Karen Humphrey, former president MHS

Amy Boxrud, NAHA

Paul Daniels, archivist from Lutheran Seminary

Curator of the Weisman Art Museum

Genealogy training

Debbie Miller, cookbook author

or someone from the Bachelor Farmer restaurant

The Jason Davis program previously presented.

Michael & Bonnie Jorgensen, Theodora Cormonton collection

Suggestion that all presenters be asked to bring their presentation on a USB flash/jump/thumb drive for use with committee member laptops.

ACTION ITEM: Dick and Marilyn will provide a tentative list to committee by email. Goal to have the majority of speakers in place by Jan. 30th meeting.

E. Banquet entertainment

Suggestion: *Alt for Norway* winner, Beth Butala

Explore other local talent.

F. Other

VIII. Next Meeting/Place/Time

Saturday, January 30, 2016.

Place to be announced.

IX. Adjournment

Nancy Hawkinson

TLSSC Secretary