

**Tre Lag Stevne Steering Committee Minutes  
Hudson Area Library  
Hudson, Wis.  
March 5, 2016**

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), Barry Dahl (Tr), Chris Falteisek (Hed), Kathy Pedersen (Gud), Nancy Hawkinson (Tr)

**I. Secretary's minutes from January 30, 2016**

In section VI-D, Dixie is co-coordinating the Memorial Service with Chris.

In section VII-D-20, correct spelling, GEIMSTEDT to GIMMESTAD.

**II. Agenda Items**

**1. Genealogy Lab**

Marilyn Sorensen was not able to attend. Her email report: "The Ballroom at the Clarion will be the same size we had several years ago. It worked very well for genealogy. The most important thing is that the wifi works which it did not work well before."

**2. Hospitality/Vendors**

- 1) Mary Amundson unable to attend.  
Three vendors have been confirmed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- After a site visit Mary will recommend room for vendors—South Kaposia or Concord Ballroom.
- Need to verify if Hospitality can be located in South Kaposia or Concord Ballroom.

- 2) *New Land New Life* exhibit is completely booked for 2016; 2017 is still open.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Dick will check whether there is a cost for the exhibit.

**3. Memorial Service**

**ACTION ITEM:**

Dick will arrange for piano. Deliver to North Kaposia; pick-up from Ballroom.

**4. Programs**

- 1) **Opening ceremony**—Thursday A.M.

South St. Paul mayor has accepted.

Dick is waiting to hear from new Consul General, Eivand Heiberg.

New Fellesraad president to be contacted after known.

- 2) **Movie**

**ACTION ITEM:**

Chris will check with Mark & Merilee Mortenson; he will also see what is available from Norway when he visits in a few months.

- 3) **Concert**

Chris coordinating.

Robin Fossum and Louise Lang have confirmed. Chris will contact Meredith Berg and Helen Scherer.

Psalmodycon—Kathy Pedersen and Sandy Aune.

Joy has the lur.

4) **Hardanger Klubb**

No one has been contacted yet. Marilyn was to ask Ginny Wangenast.

5. **Entertainment**

*Alt for Norway* winner, Beth Butala. Dick is waiting to hear back.

Backup suggestions:

Season 6 winner, Dave Engen

“Sister” music group—[www.sisterproductions.com](http://www.sisterproductions.com)

Local talent, Colleen Raye

“Nordic Bees,” Renee Vaughn and Eric Platt

6. **Facilities/local arrangements**

Hotel contacts:

Kelly Kearney, Director of Sales, Rooms

Georgene Vesey, 952-288-5141, All other

\$8000 to obtain free meeting rooms does not include hotel rooms.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Dick will verify facility costs and number of rooms blocked for each day.

7. **Tour— 1:00-6:00**

Muskego church

Norway House

Mindekirken—with box lunch meal provided by Clarion.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Where to park bus at Muskego church to let people off.
- How much time needed for presentation at Muskego church.
- Will there an exhibit at Norway House.
- Can Mindekirken provide beverage(s) to go with box lunch.
- Has Mindekirken been confirmed? Dick will follow-up with Marilyn.

8.. **Publicity**

Mailings done.

Need to have presence at Fellesraad Centennial.

Fellesraad advertises stevne in Viking magazine.

“What’s Going on Section” in Norwegian-American weekly ([naw@na-weekly.com](mailto:naw@na-weekly.com))—Nancy.

9. **Registration**

Dick will verify with Clarion that registration can be in lobby near front entrance.

10. **Site selection**

Committee to have one participant from each lag:

Barry (Tr) and Dick (Gud)

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Joy will ask Shirley Schoenfeld if she will represent Hedmark on committee.
- Committee to visit La Crosse for 2017; site to be confirmed prior to stevne.

11. **Vendors**

Mary Amundson coordinating.

See II-2

12. **Program Schedule and Speakers**

18 slots to fill.

1 Wednesday

7 Thursday

8 Friday  
2 Saturday

### Proposals

- 1) Byron Nordstrom—available on Aug 4—Dick contacted for keynote; he has not confirmed.
- 2) Beth Butala—banquet entertainment—has been contacted but has not responded.  
See II-5.
- 3) Karen Humphrey/Sonde Reiersen—2<sup>nd</sup> tier choice—will not be contacted at this time.
- 4) Snohetta—Dick will see if there is a local contact who could present.
- 5) Brian Stadsvold—presentation would be different than Snohetta—Dick will contact.
- 6) Lawrence Moe—2<sup>nd</sup> tier choice. Dick will contact if needed.
- 7) Amy Boxrud—2<sup>nd</sup> tier choice.  
Note: Either Lawrence Moe or Amy Boxrud could probably present on Ole Rolvaag.
- 8) Notables from each lag.
  - a. Chris will find out which lag(s) author Sigrid Undset belonged to.
  - b. Would like to have one notable from each lag.
  - c. How to present?
- 9) Paul Daniels—Jim Olson has contacted.
- 10) Craig Amundson—Dick is contacting—(cityvisionsmn.com)
- 11) Beginning Genealogy—Linda Schwartz—Confirmed.
- 12) Chris Falteisek—will do a presentation on archive system in Norway from his upcoming trip.  
He could also do something 'light' for Saturday morning.
- 13) Dr. Jim Moller—Dick will contact.
- 14) Michael & Bonnie Jorgensen on Theodor Cormonton—have been at Mindekirken—Nancy to ask Marilyn to pursue.
- 15) Technology—Joy will contact Gary Romsaas.
- 16) Spotlighting Legacy Norwegians.  
Gracia Grindal from Luther, good speaker. Nancy to ask Marilyn to contact.
- 17) Scratch Jason Davis suggestion.
- 18) Dennis Gimmestad—he is available—Dick will follow-up with him.
- 19) Q & A with Odd Lovell. Not a talk. Chris will contact Odd.
- 20) Chris will contact Walter Mondale to see if he would be interested in making a complimentary presentation.

### Deadline for speaker confirmations—early April.

### Other

Joy will contact Shirley Schoenfeld about creating a wall display of important Norwegians of her choosing.

### 13. Budget

- 1) Busses  
Two coach busses for 5 hours (1:00 to 6:00) on Wednesday.  
Chris will contact company from Hastings.
- 2) Box Lunches (tour)  
\$12 plus tax and possible gratuity. Joy will confirm cost.
- 3) Cookies and Coffee  
Joy will determine what to be ordered based on previous experience.
- 4) Banquet meal choice
  - Hotel suggestion was a combination platter with meat balls, pork and salmon, salad, etc., for \$25 plus tax and gratuity. Committee voted to accept this proposal.  
Need to confirm if dessert is included and that price is still valid. Joy will send all information to Linda Schwartz who is handling Catering and Banquet arrangements.
  - Who will order lefse? Joy has done recently.

- Are hors d'oeuvres before banquet necessary?

**14. Question—Should we invite Solørlag and Romerikslag to our stevne?**

They are not holding a stevne this year.

**MOTION** by Chris to invite them to participate in our stevne this year and allow them to have two tables in the Hedmark area of the genealogy lab. Seconded. Passed. Chris will contact the lag presidents.

**15. No additional meetings scheduled. Stevne E-mails should include all committee members.**

Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.

Nancy Hawkinson  
TLSSC Secretary