

Tre Lag Stevne Steering Committee Minutes
Hudson Area Library, Hudson, WI
March 24, 2018

Tre Lag Stevne
August 8-11, 2018
Holiday Inn Conference Center
Austin, Minnesota
Theme: Norway Evolving

Attending: Dick Lundgren (Gud), Joy Shong (Hed), Dixie Hansen (Hed), Robert Fossum (Tr), Barry Dahl (Tr), John Reindl (Hed), Chris Falteisek (Hed), Nancy Hawkinson (Tr)

- I. Called to Order at 10:40
- II. Review and Adoption of Agenda
Dixie moved to adopt agenda adopted as presented; seconded by Joy.
- III. Status of Assignments
No discussion.
- IV. Minutes.
Minutes from the 21 Jan 2018 meeting accepted with a correction in item V-G (parentheses); spelling (Clausen) and capitalization (Paul Daniels) in item V-H-f.
- V. Treasurer's Report
No report.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Evaluations
Trudy DeKeuster (Tr) has volunteered for one more year.
 - B. Site Selection
2019 Stevne
Robert reported on the Holiday Inn on I-94 at Alexandria.
A contract is pending.
Items still to be resolved:
 - Cash bar and bartender; possible \$500 minimum.
 - There is no elevator to second floor; need to reserve first floor rooms.
 - Need to check price of homemade lefse at a local bakery.Genealogy lab might be a bit small.
Breakfast not included in room cost.
Future planning
2020—Sioux Falls suggested
2021—Robert has had contact with the Sandford Center and Country Inn Hotel in Bemidji and with Hendricks, Minn. Wisconsin also a possibility.
 - C. Facility—No discussion

D. Program Structure

Basic structure will be the same as previous year—greetings from lag presidents, Fellesraad, Mayor and Memorials. Mayor sill needs to be contacted.

E. Theme—Norway Evolving

Suggestion to contact Max Stevenson, program director at Norway House, for a presentation tying to theme. Either a slot presentation or Keynote.

Picture Gallery or looping slide show.

“Norway Then and Now” or “Old vs. New”. “Norway Then and Now” preferred.

F. Publicity

John asked what would be considered the demographic area to focus on. Consensus to focus on areas within four hours of Austin. He is developing a list of radio, TV, newspapers and Sons of Norway lodge contacts.

G. Hospitality

Dave Kearin has volunteered to coordinate.

Coffee will be purchased from the hotel.

Notice in Lag newsletters asking attendees to bring Norwegian goodies.

There will be a sign-up sheet asking for help.

H. Tour

Barry reported the Pleasant Valley Wind Farm Tour is definite and fits our evolving theme. Probable first stop.

The Hormel Institute selected for the second stop. Attendees can visit Museum on their own.

Dixie volunteered to look into box lunches at Todd Park. Shelter (\$80) will need to be reserved. (Dixie)

Recommend use of coach busses as they are more comfortable for extended ride. (Barry)

I. Entertainment

Banquet—Friday, August 10th.

Dick has had no response to Hormel contacts he has emailed.

An Accordion Band who will be performing in Rochester contacted Robert about performing for our event but are not available for Friday evening.

Renee Vaugh was suggested. She has a program that includes the nyckelharp.

Happy Hour Music and Thursday night concert.

Maf (Meredith Berg) will not be attending this year. Chris and Robin Fossum are attending. Chris will see who else may be available and interested.

J. Speakers and Topics

15 slots maximum.

7 confirmations.

- i. DNA matches on Ancestry DNA (Dixie).
- ii. Weaving (Helen Scherer)
- iii. Digital Archives (John)
- iv. Pastor Clausen (Thomas Jacobson)
- v. Finnskog Area/Ancestry (Elaine Hasleton)
- vi. Nordic Christmas Traditions, Then & Now (Chris)

vii. What's New at RootsTech (Ginny Wegenast)

5 tentative.

- i. Norwegian Architecture/Bridges (Dennis Grimstead)
- ii. Stat Oil (Dick has a contact)
- iii. Agricultural Evolution (maybe a local agricultural school)
- iv. Prohibition (David Jones)
- v. Movie ("A Man Called Ove" or "Sweet Land" or ? (Dixie)

3 open

Hardanger Klub (Ginny Nelson)

Some presentations can be repeated

Joy will keep committee updated as confirmations are made.

Speakers need to be nailed down in April for newsletter deadlines (usually mid-May.)

Keynote

Suggest contacting Max Stevenson from Norway House.

K. Genealogy

Dixie suggested a new idea — "Genealogy Arts and Crafts."

Suggest having a display table, possibly in the Genealogy Lab.

She shared a wall chart she had made into a jigsaw puzzle.

Snapfish, Shutterfly and the Facebook Genealogy Arts and Crafts page have examples.

L. Memorial Service

Similar to last year; short; at Opening Ceremony; send obituaries, etc. to Dixie.

Lur—the Sizmore's.

M. Opening Ceremony

Opening ceremony is pretty well set except for contacting the local mayor. (Dick)

VII. New Business

- i. Finalize menu (Joy)
- ii. Reserve park (Dixie)
- iii. Speaker spreadsheet/updates (Joy)
- iv. Stevne Program (Nancy Pickering)
- v. 5 vendors have responded (plus Jim Olson). Can have two additional (Nancy Hawkinson)
 - Lena and Ole's Gifts, Julie Backus
 - Astri My Astri Publishing, Deb Nelson Gourley
 - Hardanger, Diane Hoven
 - Loppemarked Boutique, Karen Mullen
 - Nordic Designs, Lois and Ron Mueller
- vi. Cost (Joy)

VIII. Next meeting

This is the final meeting before stevne. Continue to coordinate via E-mail.

IX. Adjournment at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully,

-Nancy Hawkinson, TLSSC Secretary