

Tre Lag Stevne Steering Committee Board Minutes  
Hudson Area Public Library  
Hudson WI  
January 18, 2014  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Attending: Dick Lundgren (Gud), Kathy Pedersen (Gud), Chris Falteisek (Hed), Joy Shong (Hed), Dixie Hansen (Hed), John Reindl (Hed), Nancy Hawkinson (Tr)

- 1) Meeting called to order at 10:15 by chair Dick Lundgren.
- 2) The agenda was adopted with the addition of adding contracts to items to be discussed in Item 6.
- 3) Status of Officers and Committee Assignments. No discussion.
- 4) Secretary's minutes from October 12, 2013 accepted with following notes:
  - Item 7 (d) Change Joyce Sundrum to Joy Sundrum.
  - Item 7 ((d) Title of a possible Garrison Keillor presentation should Norwegian Bachelors' Children.
- 5) Ron Helstad submitted the treasurer's report by email. TLSSC has a checking balance of \$1,930.56 as of Jan. 6, 2014.

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| \$1,800.00       | Lag seed money    |
| <u>\$ 100.00</u> | Outstanding check |
| \$ 30.56         | Funds available   |

6) Committee Reports

(a) Evaluations

Form to be finalized at next meeting.

(b) Genealogy

Dick will contact Barry Dahl and Marilyn Sorensen to verify genealogy lab coordinator for 2014.

(c) Hospitality

Dave Kearin has volunteered to coordinate. Hospitality to be located upstairs in the Husky Room and will be open Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

MOTION by Dixie that each lag be assigned responsibility of finding two volunteers for a half day segment in the Hospitality Room. Seconded by Chris. Approved.

Hospitality Room assignments for 2014:

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Thursday A.M  | Tronderlag       |
| Thursday P.M. | Hedmark          |
| Friday A.M.   | Gudbrandsdalslag |

(d) Memorial/Remembrance Program

Tweak what was done last year—emphasis on it being “a time for remembering.”

(e) Programs

Movie Night (Wednesday)

Suggestions include three different Norwegian movies with English sub-titles: *Magic Silver*, *Troll Hunter* and *Wolf Summer*.

Tre lag Musicians Concert (Thursday night)

Chris will coordinate—anyone interested should contact Chris. Chris will ask Marv Lang to emcee. Musicians to possibly include Chris, David Oyen, Joanna Shager Hocker, Robin Fossum, Louise Lang, accordion players and a sing-along.

(f) Entertainment

No discussion

(g) Facilities/Local Arrangements

Number of rooms reserved does not have to be guaranteed and no contact has to be signed.

55 rooms have been set aside; cut-off date is two weeks prior to stevne. The room rate is \$81 plus tax.

Rental fee for meeting space is \$2,200.00 if we don't meet a food/beverage minimum of \$4,000.00. Contract must be signed.

Several items need to be verified with the hotel before the contract is signed:

Which days will University Rooms A and B be available to us;

Verify we have use of the Husky Room Thursday through Saturday morning;

Where will Saturday breakfast be held;

Verify availability of free wireless internet;

Are microphones available;

Is there a piano and can it be moved.

Suggest that all verifications be by email if possible so we have something in writing if questions or concerns arise later.

(h) Tour

Stearns County Museum to be primary focus of tour. Elaine Hasleton is contacting John Decker, archivist at the museum, as a potential stevne speaker. Perhaps he can suggest an additional place to tour that wouldn't involve spending a lot of time on a bus. Would he be willing to facilitate an introduction to the museum for the tour group.

The committee is looking into the possibility of a box lunch supper after the tour (provided by the hotel's Green Mill restaurant to help meet our \$4000 food/beverage minimum. Riverside Park was suggested as a convenient location. According to their website there is a shelter that could be reserved.

(i) Publicity

Chris and Nancy. Chris has suggestions for personal interest articles.

(j) Registration

Dixie will handle. Will be held in hallway near meeting area.

(k) Site Selection

2015 site has not been selected. Suggest staying within core area of membership. Treasure Island (Red Wing) was suggested as being worth a site visit and would likely be less expensive than some other places. LaCrosse, Eau Claire and South St. Paul have worked before.

(l) Vendors

Cheryl Goodin has volunteered to coordinate. Suggestion to mention vendor hours and location when introducing the first speaker of each day.

## 7) New Business

### (a) Assignments/Responsibilities

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Hotel                     | Dick Lundgren                              |
| Publicity:                | Chris Falteisek & Nancy Hawkinson          |
| Remembrance/Memorial      | Chris Falteisek & Dixie Hansen             |
| Music Coordinator         | Chris Falteisek                            |
| Vendors                   | Cheryl Goodin                              |
| Catering/Banquet          | Joy Shong & Cheryl Goodin                  |
| Genealogy Lab Coordinator | Marilyn Sorensen or Barry Dahl             |
| Site Selection            | Robert Fossum, John Reindl & Dick Lundgren |
| Evaluations               | Trudy DeKeuster                            |
| Hospitality Coordinator   | Dave Kearin                                |
| Audio/Visual              | Joy Shong                                  |

### (b) Schedule

#### Wednesday

- Vendor and genealogy lab setup
- Registration for tour participants
- Tour
- Box lunch supper
- Movie(s)
- Genealogy lab open in evening

#### Thursday

- Gudbrandsdalslag Member Meeting
- Registration
- Opening ceremony/Keynote speaker
- Hospitality Room open
- Vendors open
- Probable 3 speaker slots (one University Room may not be available to us)
- Genealogy Lab open
- Hardanger Klubb
- Tre Lag Musician Concert

#### Friday

- NHOH Member Meeting
- Registration
- 8 speaker slots
- Genealogy Lab open in morning only (hotel needs to flip room)
- Vendors open
- Hospitality Room open in morning
- Hardanger Klubb
- Photos: Gudbrandsdalslag/Tronderlag/NHOH
- Banquet

#### Saturday

- Tronderlag Member Meeting
- Brunch with Norwegian flair
- Antique Road Show

(c) Theme

“Country Quilt” to show the ethnic diversity of a single section or township, preferably from Stearns County. Each ethnic group to be shown in a different color, thus a “quilt” pattern.

(d) Speakers – 11 slots to fill

- (i) Dick will contact **Byron Nordstrom**, Gustavus Adolphus College Professor Emeritus in Scandinavian Studies to speak on a topic relating to the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution.
- (ii) **Elaine Hasleton**—House History. Title of presentation: “Was my childhood home really a hospital? This house in Alexandria, MN may have been where my Grandma’s little brother died in 1895.”
- (iii) Elaine will contact **Taryn Flolid** of Alexandria for a presentation on “Ethnic Settlement Patterns and Immigrant architecture in Rural Minnesota.”
- (iv) Elaine will contact **John Decker**, archivist at the Stearns County History Museum for a presentation focusing on other ethnic groups in the Stearns county area.
- (v) Elaine also suggested **Blaine Hedberg** for a presentation about the Norwegian settlements in the West Central Minnesota area including information on some of the travels of Rev. Realf Ottesen Brandt and the congregations he visited in Douglas and Stearns counties in the 1867 timeframe.
- (vi) **Veryl Anderson** will be contacted for Keynote speech.
- (vii) An “**Antique Appraisal Roadshow**” following Saturday morning brunch. This has been successfully done by other groups. Participants would be asked to preregister—there is a limited amount of time available and by preregistering it would give the appraiser an opportunity to research the item if necessary. We could ask a minimal charge to offset costs beyond our normal speaker fees. Dick will check with the following for availability:
  - Jim Marriman & Bonnie Lindberg (\$350 plus mileage)
  - Graham Fonda (free)
  - Mark Moran (\$400)The appraiser would give his opinion of an item’s value and history. The value could not be used for insurance or charitable donation purposes.

(e) Banquet Entertainment

Dick will check with Kevin Dooley, a ventriloquist from the Fridley area as to availability and cost.

8) Next Meeting

March 29, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Hudson Area Public Library, Hudson WI.

9) Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

-Nancy Hawkinson

TLSSC Secretary