

Flere Lag Stevne Steering Committee
Minutes: March 19, 2026 **4:30 pm**
Via ZOOM

Call to order: Chair Rod Kurth - 4:31 pm

Roll Call: **Chair** - Rod Kurth, *Solørlag*; **Vice Chair** - Dixie Hansen, *N. Hedmark og Hedmarken Lag*; **Treasurer** - Joy Shong, *N. Hedmark og Hedmarken Lag*; **Secretary** - Norma Barnes, *Romerikslaget*; Jeff Svare, *Gudbrandsdalslag*; Andy Berg, *Solørlag*; Martha Balfanz, *Gudbrandsdalslag*; Mary Baumgartner, *Romerikslaget*; Gerry Frisbie, *Trønderlag*; Sam Christenson, *Trønderlag*.

Stevne Program Editor - Nancy Pickering, *Gudbrandsdalslag*;

Stevne Registrar - Chuck McKeen, *Romerikslaget*.

Guest: Rick Voight, Vivid-Pix

Reports:

- Secretary – Norma Kjenstad Barnes
 - ✓ Minutes of February 19, 2026 meeting revised and emailed. Accepted.
- Treasurer – Joy Shong
 - ✓ Current balance combined bank accounts: \$997.13

Rick Voight - Jeff Svare introduced Rick, who has worked with Family Search and presented at Roots Tech. Rick created memory station software that combines digital scanning with voice recording to save family memories. It uses photos to prompt memories and improve cognitive connectedness with family members. He offered to give a presentation at *stevne* on preserving family stories. Consensus to offer him a speaking slot at 7 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Unfinished Business:

- 2026 *Stevne* theme - “Echoes of the Past: Stories of our Immigrant Ancestors.”
 - ✓ Dixie - emailed a draft flyer to encourage lag members to submit Norwegian ancestor stories.
 - ✓ Jeff - downloaded earliest congregation lists for three historic Norwegian Lutheran churches: Little Cedar, Mower Co.; Lime Creek, Freeborn Co.; Highland Prairie, Fillmore County. Will provide to lag genealogists to use in finding members with ancestors on those lists.
- Tour -
 - ✓ Rod - no response yet from Freeborn County History Center & Village, Albert Lea. Another option: Spam Museum & Hormel House, Austin. Joy suggested tour of wind turbine as done at Tre Lag Stevne in 2018. Will contact Barry Dahl, who organized that one.
- Speakers - All slots now filled.
 - ✓ Mary announced a new speaker for Wednesday: **Joel Quie** (retired pastor) - who is writing a book based on his ancestry from Norway, Germany, Africa, and the U.S. So **Miranda Moen** (Austin architect) - “Houses our Ancestors Built” agreed to move to Thursday.
- Banquet Entertainment -
 - ✓ Mary confirmed Janette Dragvold, Peterson, MN - *Hardanger* fiddle & *nyckelharpa* player.

Budget & Meals to be discussed at April meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, **April 16**, 2026, 4:30 pm - Zoom

Adjournment: 5:37 pm

(Respectfully submitted by Norma Kjenstad Barnes, Secretary)