



Monitor Lodge #218
Business Meeting (Zoom)
Friday, February 4th, 2022
6:30pm

OPENING OF MEETING

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting at 6:30 pm which was preceded by a 6pm social hour and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, a video of “God Bless America” and the opening prayer by Chaplain Will Hanley.

INTRODUCTION OF GRAND LODGE & DISTRICT OFFICERS AND OUT OF TOWN

MEMBERS:

- Tore Kellgren, PGM, PDM
- Birgitta Kellgren, PDM
- Darin Freeland, Chairman Sierra Kronan Lodge #737

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| ○ Anita Nord | ○ DeeDee Dahlberg | ○ Will Hanley |
| ○ Arlie Veis, PDM | ○ Eivor & Kurt
Pfannkuch, PDM | ○ Larry Woodward |
| ○ Ginny Lee | ○ Joyce Willow | ○ Orv Voxland |
| ○ Barbara Pattow | ○ Elizabeth
Swenson-Miura | ○ Sandi Kesler |
| ○ Brian Horsfield | | |
| ○ Chuck Johnson | | |

AGENDA

Reinstatement of Former members – None
Application for Membership – None
Introduce and initiate new members – None

OPEN BUSINESS MEETING.

- a. Minutes from the last business meeting, January 7th, 2022 were included in the February meeting reminder and will be included again with the March newsletter. Elizabeth Swenson-Miura motioned that we accept the minutes as written, seconded by Joyce Willow, all approved, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Membership** – no report.
- b) **Cultural** – no report
- c) **Scholarship** – to date, no applications received by committee. Reminder that deadline for 2022 Monitor and District scholarship applications is April 1, 2022. Grand Lodge deadline is February 15th, 2022.

- d) **Scandinavian Festival** – Will Hanley & Larry Woodward, Festival floor managers, did an on-site visit on Thursday, February 3rd and shared their initial observations. Generally, while the floor plan and traffic patterns is different, everything looks promising.
- e) **Children’s Club** – no report
- f) **Nål och Tråd** – no activity to report
- g) **Bylaws Committee** – see “Old Business”
- h) **Financial Management Committee** – no report. Joyce Willow asked to be dropped from the working committee.
- i) **Sunshine Committee** – it was noted that Gail Nemy was under the weather and unable to take phone calls. Committee and several members noted they would send cards.

OLD BUSINESS - District convention will be a one day virtual convention. Finalized Monitor delegates with revised delegate slate nominations. Sarah Cuthill and Chuck Johnson nominated to serve as delegates and Judy Netzel to serve as alternate. Elizabeth Swenson-Miura moved to approve the slate, Orv Voxland seconded. Motion passed.

Arlie Veis, the Bylaws working committee chair, expressed concerns about the delays in completing the assignment and about the confusion surrounding the review and approval processes (the need to vote at two separate meetings and then get District approval). He reminded the attendees about the approved motion from November 2019 to expedite the update process. He also expressed concern about the scholarship program section of the bylaws needing be finalized before the end of this year’s application cycle (Note: the scholarship section of the bylaws was updated by the Scholarship working committee independently from the rest of the current process, the revised section was approved by the membership at the October and November 2021 meetings and approved by the District at their January 2022 executive meeting). Chuck Johnson noted that the working committee’s proposed revisions were circulated to the membership for review and comment in February 2020 just before the pandemic derailed everything. As Arlie said he was stepping down from the committee, Chuck will confer with the other members (Kurt Pfannkuch, Ed Netzel and Brian Horsfield) and endeavor to get the draft document circulated again for final membership review before the March 4th, 2022 meeting.

READING OF CORRESPONDANCE – Yvonne Magneheim - None

PLANNING FOR FUTURE EVENTS

- a) The IOOF Hall has canceled all inside meetings until at least February 15th.

- b) Monitor's March meeting will again be a ZOOM meeting, cultural presentation topic yet to be determined.
- c) April will be our **110th** anniversary. As indoor meetings may still be uncertain, it was suggested we consider an outdoor midday Saturday event to avoid after dark driving. Also, keep it simple, a potluck and anniversary pin awards but no silent auction or raffle. Need to make a decision at the March meeting.
- d) Golden Gate, District 12 has assumed responsibility for the 2022 District Conference which will now be held via Zoom.

REPORT FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Anita Nord

Anita Nord reported that to date about 50 members paid their dues as of February 4th, 2022 and the annual assessment to the district of \$3,181.50 is being processed by the Treasurer.

REPORT FROM TREASURER – Brian Horsfield

Brian Horsfield reminded the members that we had pre-approved payment of the assessment once the annual audit was concluded at the end of January and he would be remitting the funds to the district momentarily.

Brian mentioned that Monitor's annual membership dues of \$35.00 per active member is less than the annual assessment of \$35.35 and has been for several years. It was noted the dues of most lodges in the district are in the \$40 -\$50 range per active member. Monitor is still solidly in the black but our income stream is slowly shrinking.

Brian made a motion that at our next in-person meeting the membership formally discuss increasing the dues. The motion was seconded by Larry Woodward and the motion was approved.

Reading and acting on bills received

Golden Gate invoice for hard copy district program books \$ 30.00

Kurt Pfannkuch moved that we pay the bills, seconded by Larry Woodward, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

- a) Dues for 2022 will remain at \$35.00 per person and will delinquent as of March 31st, 2022.

- b) William Hanley is conducting Swedish language classes on Monday nights. Call William if you would like to join.
- c) The 2022 Program Books were mailed in late December. Please let Brian Horsfield or Chuck Johnson know corrections are needed.

CLOSING OF THE MEETING with De Gamla and a prayer by William Hanley and Larry Woodward.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ *Chuck Johnson*

Chairman (*Ordförande*), Monitor Lodge #218
filling in for Yvonne Magneheim, Recording Secretary

Ginny Lee gave a short, very interesting presentation about Swedish literature options available from Monitor's lending library as well as other sources. She showed several examples of beautifully illustrated Swedish folklore books and one about the ship VASA. She encouraged folks to participate in the Swedish language classes being led by Will Hanley. She also mentioned that there are many books written by Swedish authors that have been translated into English with topics ranging from folklore to mysteries to history.

As there was still about 45 minutes remaining in the ZOOM session, several members remained logged in and continued socializing until the session timed out.