

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)
Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on
November 26, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Danish American Center, Minneapolis MN

PRESENT: Claire Eckley, Chris Byron (via phone), Steingrímur “Stony” Steinólfsson, Harvey Thorleifson, Mallory Swanson, Erin Johnson, TJ Johnson (via skype), Orn Bodvarsson (via phone), Lyle Hillman (via phone), Dr. Orn and Maddy Arnar

1. Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:10pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion Stony/Claire to approve the minutes from 10/22/13. Unanimous.
4. Remarks from the Chair: Harvey thanked Claire for her service as chair, and the members for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Association.
5. Treasurer’s Report: No report
6. Sunshine: Steve Guttormsson needed medical in Germany and is now home; Tom Guttormsson also is under medical care; Pat Allred is working on her recovery; our thoughts and prayers are with them and others who we support in taking on challenges
7. Jólabarnaball: The event will be held upstairs at the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, December 8th at Noon. We need to be out no later than 4pm. A Sign-Up Genius is being set up to keep track of volunteers and RSVPs. All is coming together well.
8. Christmas Service: To be held at Grace Lutheran Church at the University of Minnesota campus on Sunday, December 22nd at 4pm. Eyglo will be the main minister. There will be a choir. The first rehearsal for the choir will be on December 14th at noon and a second practice on the 22nd at 3pm. Steve Self is going to do the music for the service. There will be a reception after the service. Volunteers will be needed to welcome and bring refreshments.
9. Film: Living with Lava: Although we could look into an alternative facility, we will see if the Geology Department will partner, allowing a screening at Bell Museum; we will plan for afternoon January 26th; Harvey will work on this
10. Thorrablót: The Ambassador has tentatively agreed to be our speaker for Thorrablót. Orn will talk to the Ambassador and his assistant and find out what his schedule is like in February. We will aim for February 15th. Stony will check on Knights of Columbus after we hear from the Ambassador.

11. Other Business:

- Claire thanked Stony, Dianne O'Konski, and others for covering the Minnesota Icelandic events in Logberg-Heimskringla.
- Dianne O'Konski has indicated that a choir from Iceland will be coming through next October (2014) and would like to hold some performances and be involved with the Icelandic American community while they are here.
- Doug will be signing up for the park space for the June Picnic date when registration opens January 1st.
- Lyle reminds us that registration is open for the Winnipeg INL Conference.
- Lyle also encourages us to promote subscriptions to Logberg Heimskringla
- Orn brings up that he is working with Claire and others to find a place to store the Icelandic Immigrant book collection from Minnesota. St. Cloud State University may be a good place to keep the collection.

12. Next Board Meeting: January 28, 2014 at 6:30pm, followed by INL planning at 7:30

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:22

Notes taken and respectfully submitted by Mallory Swanson