

**ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)**

**Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on**

**August 26, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, MN**

**PRESENT: Doug Rutford, Harvey Thorleifson, Mallory Swanson, Chris Byron, TJ Johnson, Jody Arman-Jones, Maggie Leshner, Orn and Maddy Arnar**

1. Welcome, Call to Order- Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. Approval of agenda - OK
3. Approval of May 27, 2014 minutes  
**Motion Chris/TJ to accept the previous minutes. Unanimous.** Noted that Doug Rutford was in attendance at the last meeting, which was not in the minutes.
4. Remarks from the Chair.
  - A. In addition to our planned discussion on events & coordination, let's keep in mind optimization of communications through website, Posturinn, emails, & social media.
  - B. While focusing on our busy agenda, let's maybe think about whether to attempt to bring membership up to date.
5. Treasurer's report
  - A. We have \$210 in the account, although we still need to cover debts for insurance (\$400) and the calendars (about \$200)
  - B. We have invoices out for the Meet and Greets for \$980
    - a. Food donations are immensely appreciated; there may be minor costs as well
  - C. We are now a 501c3 and we need to make sure we conduct ourselves according to IRS guidelines. We will be able to take donations and give tax receipts, as soon as we grasp how. Will review fiscal year considerations  
**Motion TJ/Chris to accept the report. Unanimous.**
6. Review of Events
  - A. Kvannahlaup and the 15th of June Picnic were successful events. Next year maybe charge admission. Discussion on location - Picnic Shelter or Danish Center.
  - B. Two very successful Meet and Greets
  - C. A magnificent concert with the Nordic Singers, but with attendance below expectation
7. Coordination with Hekla Club
  - A. The new season will be starting September 20th
  - B. Working on a Samkoma date and speaker for the 90th Anniversary of the Club
  - C. Tala Islensku to be led by Tomas Adalsteinsson, assisted by Kata Sigurdardottir
  - D. Nordic Reads Book Club will also continue this fall
  - E. Noted that a church service is planned at Mindekirken
8. Meet and Greets-
  - A. Two held this summer were wonderful; 1 more on October 3rd
9. Leifur Eiriksson Dinner- October 4th

1. Superb work on planning by Stoney and Claire
  2. Choir coming from Iceland to perform
  3. To be held at the Knights of Columbus in the large room upstairs.
  4. We talked about implementing online registration, but maybe better to hold off
10. Jólábarnaball, December 7th
- A. The superb large room upstairs at the Knights of Columbus has been booked.
11. Christmas Service, December 21st
- A. Claire is speaking to the pastor & organist
12. Thorrablót 2015 – let's discuss this, while ensuring that convention planning is on track; we will seek Stoney's advice
13. Picnic and Kvannahlaup – try for the week before Father's Day
14. Soccer Picnic 2015 – will stay tuned
15. Projects: Library
- A. Good discussions about an Icelandic Library at the St. Cloud State U
  - B. Our contact at St Cloud, Orn Bodvarsson, has moved to California
  - C. We may need a new in-state, hands-on advocate
16. Nordic Cooperation and Coordination with INLNA
- A. After Nordic Singers, some discussion on Nordic cooperation; most successful event seems to be Nordic Breakfast, which Stoney helps with; Claire is President of INLNA
17. INLNA Convention 2015
- A. We are looking at having three tracks after the Friday 830-10 Opening plenary:
    - a. America-Iceland cooperation in Research and Education
    - b. Arts, Culture and Cuisine
    - c. INL Affairs
  - B. Also planning a genealogy breakout, maybe Saturday afternoon
  - C. We plan to have one or two tours on Thursday, maybe Sunday
  - D. We would like to have a welcoming reception on Thursday evening in the host suite
  - E. Jonas Thor may be someone we wish to contact about advice for tours on Thursday
18. Other Business - none
19. Next Meetings:
- A. INL Convention 2015 Planning 6:30PM changed from September 30 to Oct. 14th
  - B. Annual IAAMN Meeting 6:30 on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – focus on business, e.g. 501c3
20. Adjournment
1. Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

**Motion Chris/Doug to adjourn. Unanimous**

Notes taken and respectfully submitted by Mallory Swanson