

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)

Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on

March 25, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, MN

PRESENT: Claire Eckley, Doug Rutford, Harvey Thorleifson, Mallory Swanson, Erin Johnson, Orn Bodvarsson, Chris Byron, TJ Johnson, Lyle Hillman (phone), Steve Guttormsson (skype).

1. Welcome, Call to Order- Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:40.
2. Approval of agenda - OK
3. Approval of February 11, 2014 minutes

Motion Orn/Claire to accept the previous minutes. Unanimous.

4. Remarks from the Chair.
 - A. Harvey expressed thanks to everyone for their continuing hard work.
5. Treasurer's report
 - A. Doug presented a thorough and comprehensive analysis that we will need to more fully understand in coming meetings. Current balance is \$2100.06, largely due to Thorrablot profit and Meet & Greet funds. Harvey has been paid back for his loan re the 501c3 application. Claire has submitted receipts to be reimbursed – there was agreement that Doug and Claire should clarify the total, and Claire should be compensated ASAP. Doug received a credit memo from the book company, and we will still owe around \$45 – Doug will settle this. Thanks to Stoney for effort on the books. We will ensure that we have enough funds for early picnic costs.

Motion Lyle/Claire to accept the Treasurer's report – with much appreciation to Doug for excellent work. Unanimous.

6. Sunshine
 - A. A card and plant was sent to the Gislason family after their loss.
7. Coordination with Hekla Club
 - A. Monthly programs
 - a. Sigga is moving to Boulder, CO – tremendous appreciation was expressed to Sigga for everything she has done – we wish them well, and look forward to seeing them!
8. Samkoma, April 26
 - A. This very successful Hekla Club event will feature an evening of Icelandic arts by members – such as paintings, drawings, poems, photographs and handcrafts – wonderful! We will do whatever we can to help promotion and ticket sales.
9. Picnic & Kvennahlaup; June 15th
 - A. Pending thoughts from the Club, we will plan for a suggested per person donation of \$5 for the picnic.
10. Nordic Singers Concert, June 21st
 - A. The Danish American Center would love to have Icelandic groups involved.

- B. We want to help, without sharing financial risk and reward.
- C. We anticipate that a few of us will be able to volunteer to help during the evening
- D. We will very actively promote ticket sales

11. Leif Dinner; October 4th

- A. There is a large choir coming from Iceland – a guaranteed fantastic evening!
- B. Steingrimur has worked hard to set up the arrangements – thanks, Stoney!
- C. We will assist Stoney as required

12. Jólábarnaball, December 7th

- A. The large room upstairs at the Knights of Columbus has been booked
- B. Thanks for arranging this, Stoney

13. Christmas Service, December 21st

- A. **Action Item:** Claire will check with on availability of Grace Lutheran Church

14. Library

- A. Orn & Claire reported that plans are moving forward! The Ambassador strongly supports the project. There is another meeting scheduled next month in St. Cloud.

15. Coordination with INLNA

- A. We are paid up with the INL for membership.

MSP Claire/Doug to elect Chris Byron, Steve Guttormsson, Keith Stinson, and Claire Eckley as delegates, & Lyle Hillman, Harvey Thorleifson, and Mallory Swanson as alternates for the INL Convention in Winnipeg. Unanimous.

16. INLNA Convention 2015

- A. Our next planning meeting is April 29th at 7:30PM, following board at 6:30 PM.
- B. Communications material coming together well.
- C. Discussion on fundraising soon
- D. We are pleased to be working closely with INL of NA, and will strive for the simplest financial and governance arrangements possible

Motion Mallory/Orn to authorize the IAAMN to take care of early expenditures on INL2015 communications, up to \$1000, as a start on IAAMN handling of convention funds on behalf of the convention program partners as outlined at past meetings. Unanimous.

17. Meet and Greet

- 1. This is a tremendously successful program; date for the first event coming soon.
- 2. We arrange the food and promotion, while we are compensated on a per person basis.

18. Other Business

- 1. Confirmation of Schwan's Soccer Picnic soon
- 2. Film – would be good, so long as we don't try to do too much while planning INL2015
- 3. Sounds like Nordic Reads Book Club, 2nd Sunday of every month at Ingebretsens in Minneapolis, is going well!

19. Next Meeting, Tuesday April 29, Danish Center, 6:30 PM

20. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM