

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)

Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on

May 27, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, MN

PRESENT: Claire Eckley, Harvey Thorleifson, Mallory Swanson, Erin Johnson, TJ Johnson, Jody Arman-Jones, Joe Bowen (via Skype), Lyle Hillman (via conference call), Keith Stinson

1. Welcome, Call to Order- Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of April 29, 2014 minutes
MSP Claire/Erin to accept the previous minutes. Unanimous.
4. Remarks from the Chair.
 - A. Congratulations to Claire on becoming the President of the INL-NA.
 - B. Congratulations to Jody Arman-Jones and Maggie Leshner on becoming Co-Presidents of the Hekla Club starting June 1st.
 - C. 2015 INL Calendars are available. Waterfalls is the theme this year.
5. Treasurer's report
 - A. Current balance is \$439.76.
 - B. We have an invoice due 7/1/14 for liability insurance for \$400.
 - C. Calendars have been ordered, but not paid for.
 - D. We intend to open a separate checking account for INL costs.
 - E. Only about 25 people are paying membership (on average) each year
 - F. We went through our events and looked at income vs cost for each event
 - G. Merchandise is one of our largest losses.
 - H. Silent auctions are one of our largest income areas.
 - I. The cost of our meeting facilities is upwards of \$500 per year.
 - J. We may want to consider holding some of our events at different locations if we can find a different location that will allow lower costs and allow us to bring in our own Icelandic foods.

MSP Jody/Claire to accept the report. Unanimous.
6. Coordination with Hekla Club
 - A. New board members, Jody and Maggie are going to be co-presidents. Vice President spot is open. Erin Johnson moves to Past President. Hekla is celebrating their 90th year.
 - B. Tala Islensku- there has been a person identified as being interested in helping with teaching next year.
7. Meet and Greets-
 - A. July 30th 40 people are expected to attend.
 - B. July 31st there will be 50 people.
 - C. October 3rd there will be at least 70 people (the choir that is coming for Leif Eriksson).

8. Picnic and Kvannahlaup, June 15
 - A. Kvannahlaup warm up at 10:40, and the walk will start at 11.
9. Nordic Singers Concert, June 21
 - A. We will find some volunteers to help with the event.
9. Soccer Picnic- Wednesday July 16th
 - A. Two teams coming from Iceland.
 - B. Doug has the park booked.
 - C. Schwans is providing transportation for the teams to the park and back.
10. Leif Dinner; October 4th
 - A. Choir coming from Iceland.
 - B. To be held at the Knights of Columbus in the large room upstairs.
 - C. We hope to implement online registration for this event using Wild Apricot.
11. Jólábarnaball, December 7th
 - A. The large room upstairs at the Knights of Columbus has been booked for the event.
13. Christmas Service, December 21st
 - A. Action Item: Claire has emailed the pastor, and the organist, Steve Self on availability of Grace Lutheran Church
14. Library
 - A. Nothing new. Plans are coming along.
15. Coordination with INLNA
 - A. The INL-NA Convention in Winnipeg was a very nice event.
 - B. Present from Minnesota: Steve Guttormsson, Keith Stinson, Lyle Hillman, Claire Eckley, Mallory Swanson, Harvey Thorleifson
16. INLNA Convention 2015
 - A. Planning moves forward.
17. Other Business
 1. 501c3 - IRS website reports that they are now processing August 2013 submissions, which is when we submitted our application.
 2. Discussed meeting and event locations and possibly changing locations to save on costs.
18. Next Meeting August 26th. Next INL Planning meeting will be September 30th
19. Adjournment
 1. Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

MSP Erin/Mallory to adjourn. Unanimous

Notes taken and respectfully submitted by Mallory Swanson