

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)

Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on

January 19th, 2011, 7:30 p.m. at The Danish American Center, Minneapolis

Members Present: Diane Greenwood, Claire Eckley, Harvey Thorleifson, Doug Rutford, Steve Guttormsson, Steingrimur Steinolfson, Mallory Swanson, Pall Skaftason, Katrin Sigurdurdottir

Claire called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and noted that Stony had been assigned to be the contact for IAAMN with respect to securing use of the Danish American Center.

1. Approval of agenda- The amended agenda was announced.

MSP Steve/Harvey to recommend approval of amended agenda. UNANIMOUS.

2. Approval of minutes from the last Board meeting, held on November 3, 2011

MSP Stony/Harvey to approve minutes of November board meeting. UNANIMOUS.

3. Treasurer's report- Doug reported that the balance in the account is currently \$1,293.76.

MSP Stony/Harvey to approve Treasurer's report. UNANIMOUS.

4. Update on planning for Thorrablot (February 11). Iceland Air tickets have been ordered. The price for the event has been set at \$30 per person. There was a discussion of foods that will be offered at the Thorrablot event and whether or not leftover food would be sold at the end of the event. One person would need to be available to collect money for the leftover foods sales. Pall announced that the Icelandic singer/actor, Bjorgvin Frans Gislason, who is currently living in Minneapolis is willing to emcee the event. A silent auction is being planned for the event as well. Shot glasses from last year's Thorrablot will be sold for \$5 each. Contact Stony with questions regarding planning.

- 4.4 Icelandic Organ concert at Grace Lutheran church on February 12th. Reception to follow. Organist is a professor at Bethel University and is studying Icelandic music.

- 4.6 Icelandic Library: Helga Bjornson Visscher has agreed to assist in this project. Minnesota History Center, SCSU, SWSU, UMD, UM, MN Immigration Library, are suggested sites. We are looking for librarians that are willing to help with this project and looking for a place that will be a repository for Icelandic books and other items. Contact is being made with librarians with this project.

5. Update on planning for "Snorri for Thorri"- Announced that photos of participants making their run/walk around the house should be printed out, not digital. Snorri for Thorri program is going expanding beyond Minnesota to other Icelandic Clubs.

- 5.5 Duluth Meeting- Steve announced that the Norwegians in Duluth would like to turn part of their hall into a Nordic Center. This center would be available to different Scandinavian groups as a

meeting location. A date will be decided upon in February for a video night event with refreshments for a meeting of Icelanders in Duluth to support this new facility.

6. Update on planning for "Snorri West"- A committee has been working on a budget for this program, and a budget has been approved by INL Iceland and INL North America including the funding for a coordinator during the Minnesota portion of the trip. Four people will come from Iceland to North America to visit Icelandic Immigrant communities in Minnesota, North Dakota and Manitoba this summer, 2012. A motion was made and approved that the committee continue to make plans and report back to the board. Minnesota has questioned the cost.

7. Update on planning for June 17 Independence Day Picnic in Bryant Lake Park- A deposit has been made on the location. Hekla and IAAMN work together on this event. The park now has environmentally friendly rules, so considerations will have to be made for biodegradable materials.

7.5 Jonas Thor- He will be coming in on June 13th and his choir will be singing on June 17th in Winnipeg. He has requested that a venue be found for the choir to do a performance here in Minneapolis/St. Paul.

8. New fund-raising opportunity- Doug is suggesting this new opportunity and wishes to seek approval from the Board of the embroidered design of our logo and the selection of four or five items of clothing (and colors) which can be purchased with our logo embroidered on them. It will take 2-3 weeks to get the items once the order is placed. Both men's and women's sizes will be available. More information will be gathered and a report will be given at the next meeting.

9. Preparation for next issue of Posturinn- Joe Bowen has been working on the Posturinn with Claire and they hope to get it out this next week.

10. Planning for IAAMN participation at the next INL Convention, to be held in Brandon, Manitoba; election of representatives from IAAMN- Representatives will be chosen at next month's meeting. Board members were asked to consider attending this convention.

11. Planning for Icelandic family gathering event- There has been some concern over the changing of the time and the date of the event each month. It is due to availability of the Danish American Center. Dates are being planned for the coming months. Stony will help mediate scheduling with the Danish American Center which rents the basement room to the gathering for \$40 per event. A more effective fee collection process will be set up next time. The cost will be increased to \$10 per family for those that are members of IAAMN, \$15 per family for those that are not members, and \$10 for single people.

12. Correspondence and Sunshine- None.

13. Bill Holm fund raising and library, Remi Douah- held until next meeting

14. Next Meeting Agenda will include: Bill Holm Fund Raising/Remi Douah, Danish American Center, and ?????

14. Any other business coming before the Board:

a. Doug mentioned that for photos posted to our websites or in any publications we need to consider getting permission from the subjects (especially from the parents of children under the age of 18).

b. Stony has DVD's of video taken at Jolabarnaball that he will have for sale at Thorrablott for \$10 each.

The meeting ended at 8:58 p.m.

NOTES TAKEN AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY MALLORY SWANSON