

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)

Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on October 18, 2012, 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington, MN

PRESENT: Claire Eckley, Steingrímur (Stony) Steinólfsson, Doug Rutford, Dr. Stefan Guttormsson (via Skype), Harvey Thorleifson, Mallory Swanson and Diane Greenwood.

1. Claire called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**MSP Harvey/Joe to approve the September 20, 2012 Board meeting minutes as read.
Unanimous.**

2. Claire asked if there were any requested modifications to this evening's agenda. Diane requested an addition of Minnesota Genealogical Society. Diane received an email from the society. They would like to plan a Scandinavian Genealogy seminar in April 2013. If we wanted to be involved, we can choose the format of the seminar. The MGS can provide guidance in planning. The IAAMN and the Hekla Club would work together on this project.

MSP Harvey/Joe to approve the Agenda. Unanimous.

3. Treasurer's Report since the last Board meeting:

Net profit this year was \$1,600. Fiscal Year Report was briefly discussed. A check was received for Meet & Greet from Iceland. Doug asks if the Fiscal Year could be changed to a Calendar Year Report. This would need further discussion.

At this point in the discussion, Claire asked for approval of the Treasurer's report.

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

4. Sunshine:

- Stony has a new granddaughter named Cora Rae.
- Petrina Cordes continues to do well after the word is out about her surgery.

5. Correspondence:

- A letter from Vidar Hreinsson thanking everyone for the trip he had across North America, which will be shared.
- Nancy Marie Brown's publisher is asking about how we could help to spread the word about her new book. Claire has responded asking the publisher what their plans are for a book tour, advertisements, etc. Also, Steve send an invitation through Facebook inviting her to be a speaker at next year's Leifur Eirikson dinner, but has not yet gotten a response.

6. IAAMN Review Procedures

No new information regarding this point. Reviewed that expenses need to be sent to Doug for reimbursement.

7. Leifur Eiriksson Dinner (October); Report

Stony reports that expenses totaled \$1,397.48 and income totaled \$1,425.00, which gave the IAAMN a net of \$27.52. Memberships and donations totaled \$165.00. There were 44 people in attendance.

The Doctor's Fund: This group donated money for an Icelandair airplane ticket. There were some problems with collection of the funds. \$300 was pledged from three different doctors, and then there was one \$500 pledge that came in late. The item being raffled off was not paid for at the time of the raffle and as a result has not yet been given to the winner of the raffle. This needs to be taken care of as soon as possible.

8. Report IAAMN becoming 501c3 organization

We are moving forward on the corporation status. A question was raised as to what this process will cost. It will cost \$400. There are some concerns about cost versus benefits. It will allow people to get a tax benefit from donations and will allow for easier donations. A question was then raised as to what financial reporting will need to be done once we become a 501c3. It was discussed that in accounts under \$25,000 an official report will not need to be made. Donations and expenses, with dates and details will need to be reported carefully for tax purposes. In the case of an official tax report having to go through an accountant, there would be a potentially large cost (to pay the CPA).

Are we doing this for the purpose of fund raising or are we doing this for the purpose of funds that might come in? Aren't there restrictions on how the funds can then be used? Yes, but the sorts of activities that the IAAMN regularly does fits inside those restrictions.

*Claire will call Dan Gislason to come to a meeting to help answer questions regarding this process.

9. Fundraising

This was discussed indirectly through other agenda items. It will be discussed in more detail during our January meeting.

The GFF reminds the Board that a proposal needs to be made before the name of the GFF can be used* Clarification.

10. Snorri West

a. Status of Reimbursement: The board made a motion last month to not return the money. Now that we have been informed that Snorri West is not coming to Minnesota for the 2013, the board has discussed returning funds (prorated) to Canada and the GFF.

**A motion is made to return the funds to Canada and the GFF (prorated).
Stony/Harvey. Unanimous.**

b. Letter regarding 2013 Program: Snorri West will not be in Minnesota next year.

11. Board Nominations: We are open to nominations for new members of the board. Claire has a call in to Mike Gunlogson in Minnesota, TJ Johnson in Duluth and Elin Cadmus.

12. Update on Meets and Greetings: They are over for the year and will resume in the spring.

13. Icelandic Choir setting date to begin practices: Claire is communicating with Steve Self about when they are starting practices.

14. Icelandic Family Gathering: Family Gathering has decided to become independently functioning organization, not attached to the IAAMN.

15. Jolabarnaball December 9: Diane Greenwood has received a list of things that need to be done to prepare. She will present a sign-up sheet at the Hekla Club to get people to help.

16. Icelandic Christmas Service December 16 at 4PM- Dan Simundson: This Christmas we have a number of Icelandic ministers in our community that may take part in the service. Steve Self will have the choir there.

17. Thorraþlot Date Speaker 2013: We do not yet have a speaker for the Thorraþlot in February. Harvey suggests we make a list of candidates.

- Atli, the Consul General in Canada
- Gudmunder Vidarsson, who is putting together a book of Icelandic church pictures in North America that may be interested in presenting. He lives in Kopavogur, Iceland.
- Chair of Icelandic Studies at the University of Manitoba

18. Adjournment

19. There being no further business for the Board, Claire adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Notes taken and respectfully submitted by Mallory Swanson.