

BYGDELAGENES FELLESRÅD
Minutes of the 91st Annual Meeting - May 5, 2007

The Annual Meeting of Bygdelagenes Fellesraad was held May 5, 2007, at Mindekirken in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

President Marilyn Somdahl called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. and welcomed everyone to the 91st annual meeting of Bygdelagenes Fellesraad.

Tom Lanman, Vice President of Mindekirken congregation, brought greetings. He stated that the church was built in the 1920's in a predominantly Norwegian community.

The Norwegian and America anthems were sung with Valdres Samband secretary, Diane Lerhohl at the piano.

President, Marilyn Somdahl, introduced the Fellesraad Officers.

Consul General Rolf Willy Hansen brought greetings from Norway and spoke briefly.

The representatives from Telelag and Hallinglag were asked to come forward for a photo with Consul General Hansen in recognition of their 100 anniversaries this year.

Marilyn Somdahl stated that very prominent Norwegians were active in the Bygdelags at the beginning of the lags in the early 1900's. Marilyn spoke about the lags' history. She asked that all lags keep their information up to date so we have the most current information on the web site as the printed material is out of date as soon as it is printed. Marilyn offered some books, brochures, and a microfiche reader for give away as she can no longer store them.

Roll Call

Secretary Sonia Rache called the roll for each bygdelag. The following lags had delegates (number listed following name): Gudbrandsdal (2), Hadeland (2), Halling (2), Hardanger (1), Landingslag (2), More og Romsdal (1), Nordfjord (2), Nord Hedmark og Hedmarken (2), Nordhordland (1), Numedalslågen (2), Ringerike Drammen (2), Rogalandslag (2), Romerikslag (2), Sigdalslag (2), Sognalag (2), Sognefjord (1), Solør Lag (1), Sunnfjord Lag (1), Telelag (2), Toten Lag (2), Trønderlag (1), Valdres Samband (2), Vestlandslag (2), and Vosselag (1). (List of delegates attached.)

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report of May 6, 2006, was read by Secretary Sonia Rache. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Secretary's Report as read.

Treasurer's Report

The audited Treasurer's report for April 30, 2007, was presented by R. Lee Brown, Treasurer, along with the budget for the year 5/1/06 to 4/30/07. The Treasurer's report of April 30, 2007 shows a checking account balance of \$2,839.68 and total assets of \$92,818.42. The audit was prepared by Leland A Randall. A motion was made to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded and carried. (Copy of financial reports attached.)

Elections

The following slate of officers was read by Sonia Rache, Secretary, and placed in nomination for the next year:

President, Marilyn Somdahl

Vice President, Marilyn Sorensen

Treasurer, R. Lee Brown

Secretary, Sonia Rache

Webmaster/Director, Eugene Rodi

Director, Eunice Helgeson

Vice President Marilyn Sorensen called for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made to close nominations and accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and carried. Eunice was asked to stand and was welcomed as a new board member. She is also currently secretary of Romerikslag.

(continuation of Minutes, May 5, 2007)

Other Business

Marilyn Somdahl encouraged all lags to have a discussion on how to store and label photos, documents, books, gifts and other items held by the lags. Also, instructions should be established on how to disburse items when they are no longer used.

A review of the annual ad in the Viking Magazine that shows the stevne dates were discussed. Each lag pays \$15 a year for this ad. The total ad cost is approximately \$900. Someone suggested advertising in the Høstfest Magazine. A motion was made to continue the \$15 assessment in Viking Magazine for each lag for 2008. The vote carried by 26 in favor of the ad and 9 against the ad. All lags can reprint the Viking ad in their newsletters.

Reports

Marilyn Sorensen, Vice President, reported on the genealogy trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. Elaine Hazelton was able to coordinate the time with the Scandinavian staff at the Salt Lake City Genealogy Library. There were 19 people representing 8 lags attending the workshop. There are plans to hold the workshop again, probably the last week of February 2008.

Webmaster EuGene Rodi encouraged everyone to send all changes and documents to him to update the web site. He asked for suggestions to make the web site better. The brochure is online, and is updated as soon as he receives the information. He asked that everyone give him a good subject line on all emails to help him identify requests. EuGene will also help anyone needing assistance on their lag web site.

Lag Anniversaries The Fellesraad has commissioned Shirley Evenstad to rosemal plates to present to Telelag and Hallinglag at their 100th anniversary stevner this summer.

Marilyn Somdahl asked each lag to let her know if their area is known for anything special as their anniversary nears. This will help us determine the type of gift to present.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Program

Carolyn Bliss presented a program on Edvard Grieg and his music. She was assisted by Aaron Hanson.

Announcements

Among the announcements were: Syttende Mai buttons are for sale at \$2 each. A Syttende Mai banquet is being held May 18, 2007. Norway Day is the 2nd Sunday of July. Minneapolis Institute of Arts has a showing of Nordic landscape paintings from June 24 to September 2, 2007.

A delicious lunch was served at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia H. Rache, Secretary

POSSIBLE TABLE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT LUNCH MAY 3, 2008

1. RECRUITING AND RETAINING MEMBERS
2. FINDING SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR STEVNER
3. SITE SELECTION AND SETTING PRICES
4. NORWAY TRIP INFORMATION
5. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SUGGESTED TOPIC)