

Vesterdalen Lodge 2-131, Sons of Norway Board Minutes Dec. 2, 2024

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries & provide quality insurance & financial products to its members. We strive to make Vesterdalen's goals and actions consistent with this Mission Statement.

The Board of Vesterdalen Lodge 2-131, Sons of Norway, met Monday, December 2, 2024, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Vernene Scheurer.

Present on Zoom were Vernene Scheurer, Don Olson, Kathleen Olson, Nancy Sommerfield, Dotty Erickson, Amanda Reding, Karen Tofte, Sande Nelson, Dave Eidsaune, Jim Larson, Carol Larson, Lois Ladderud, Nils Ladderud, Nancy Heavey and Andy Wangstad,

Reports

Secretary: Minutes of the November board meeting were approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was approved.

Financial Secretary: Dotty Erickson reported that our membership is at 154 members.

Publicity: Amanda Reding reported that they added Vernene to mailchimp and Vernene sent out an email for the Kaffe Stua.

Cultural: Karen Tofte reported that Eric from the Nordic Museum is available to speak to Vesterdalen next year. Carol Larson reported that she has been in contact with him.

Social: The current plan is to have potluck dinners at the lodge meetings for the first 6 months of 2025.

Foundation: Jim Larson is working with the Foundation to make sure that our Little League team sponsorship grant application is submitted correctly.

Sports and Recreation: Dave Eidsaune reported that Jim Larson was awarded a Sports Hero Award in fitness.

Volunteer: No Report

Sunshine: No Report

Trustees: No Report

Youth Scholarship: No Report

Historian: Carol Larson reported that she is working on a gift for each person at the Julefest.

Vikingskip Editors: Lois Ladderud stated that the due date is December 18th for Vikingskip articles. The 2024 board members should write reports for the December Vikingskip. The 2025 board installation will take place at the January lodge meeting.

Correspondence and Announcements

We received a flyer from the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU, a newsletter from the Portland lodge, a donation request letter from the Nordic Museum, and a note from the Greater Tacoma Peace Prize addressed to the Vesterdalen president.

Old Business

Volunteer Hours: Turn in your volunteer hours to Dotty Erickson,

Officer's Training: The Poulsbo officer's training has been canceled.

Budget Review: Kathleen reported that Excel didn't add all the cells as we were planning the 2025 budget, so we are actually at minus \$2,565.00 with our 2025 budget. Perhaps we can make that up if we do two Torsk Dinners.

Calendar for 2025: We discussed the 2025 Vesterdalen calendar. The calendar will be published in the Vikingskip newsletter with monthly updates as needed.

New Business

Door Bell: There was a discussion about getting a portable doorbell to use for the lodge meetings at Messiah Lutheran Church. The church would like us to keep the doors locked at all times due to security issues in the area. It was decided that attendees can call a phone number that we will post on the door and then someone can open the door for those attending the lodge meeting.

Vikingskip Newsletter Articles: There was a discussion about Vikingskip newsletter articles. It was decided that the social committee only needs to write about social committee news. The cultural committee will continue to inform us about cultural speakers/events and the secretary can submit attendance and raffle winners. Andy said he could add a link on the website or newsletter for the lodge meeting minutes.

Torsk Dinner: We need to start planning for the Torsk Dinner which will be on March 22nd.

For the Good of the Order

Our next board meeting will be via Zoom on January 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Submitted for your review and approval.

Submitted by Nancy Sommerfield, Secretary, Vesterdalen Lodge, Sons of Norway

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