

Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle Board Meeting; April 11, 2015, 10:30AM

Attendees: Gísli Ólafsson (President); Jan Sigurdson (Membership Secretary); Jon Palmason (Vice President); Henry Bjornsson (Trustee); Tota Sellars (Trustee); Petur Gudmundsson (Trustee); Sonna Somerville Ghilarducci (Trustee); Kathi Olason-Scott (Trustee).

- President Gísli opened the meeting at 10:45 by sharing a meeting agenda.
- The draft **minutes** of our March 7 meeting were approved as read.
- Jan indicates 169 **memberships** have been paid to date with at least 4 more to process.

David Johnson was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a detailed quarterly Treasurer's report that was very positive. He will answer questions regarding the report at our next meeting.

Old Business:

There was more discussion of Thorrablot and how to address the issue of people not paying, as well as people bringing their own alcohol into the venue. Several suggestions were made; among them, hire off-duty police, have people get hands stamped at admission.

New Business:

Petur Gudmundsson reported on our **April beer -tasting event** at Odin Brewery in Tukwila. It takes place on Sumardagurinn Fyrsti at 6 or 6:30 p.m. There will be an e-mail blast as well as FB advertising. There will be some bar food available as well as music!

Gisli reported on our **May 17** participation with the Nordic Heritage Museum. He's working on getting a car for our princess, but everything else is in process smoothly. We have a new flag and need a pole for it. A new one will be procured.

The **June 17** event was briefly discussed. It was decided that it will be on the exact date (a Wednesday) and start at the same time we did last year. (Jan will do some research to determine what was planned last year.) Scholarships will be awarded, a new princess will be announced, etc.

Petur talked about the possible **Bjartar Nætur/Light Nights** event at NHM, which we learned of too late to pull off. Petur did a lot of work trying to get co-sponsorship with the Sister Cities organization and NHM to co-sponsor. While the discussions with NHM and Sister Cities were fruitful, we didn't have enough time to get the performer and entourage here from the East Coast. A short discussion of our relationship with the Sister Cities Group and NHM ensued. Gisli will invite Eric Nelson to a future meeting with us to talk about the future NHM.

Gisli talked about the May 31 Icelandic concert at NHM that is part of their **Mostly Nordic Chamber Music Series & Smörgásbord**. Jan will contact someone at NHM to see if they would like to advertise with our mailing list.

We are looking for a **scholarship** committee. We have 3 applications to date and need to advertise for more applicants.

There was a short discussion of having an Icelandic garage sale. The idea of having it at our annual picnic and also inviting family reunions at the same time was brought up, but tabled until our next meeting. Also tabled was a discussion of our storage situation.

Next month's meeting: May 2 at 10:30AM. Gísli will contact the NHM to get these meetings on their calendar. Gísli called the meeting closed at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sigurdson