

Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle Board Meeting, June 6, 2015

Attendees: Gisli Olafsson (President), Jan Sigurdson (Membership Secretary), David Johnson (Treasurer), Amanda Allen (Trustee), Pétur Guðmundsson (Trustee), Tota Sellars (Trustee), Henry Bjornsson (Trustee), Emily Kristjanson (Trustee),

Meeting called to order by President Gisli Olafsson at 10:45AM at the Nordic Heritage Museum.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

Membership Report: Jan indicates we now have 176 paid members.

Treasurer's Report: David provided another financial snapshot of account balances and stated that there are no big bills coming up other than storage unit rent and post office box fees.

There was a short discussion of the Club's missing inventory of "Icelanders on the Pacific Coast" books. There has been no resolution nor has the bulk of the production been located.

INL Convention Report: David brought a copy of the latest *Logberg-Heimskringla* that featured the INL Convention. Workshops were well attended generally, but the genealogy workshop was not presented because there was no internet. The keynote address by former president Vigdis was a highlight. She presented her project on preserving Icelandic language. She is especially interested in preserving the Icelandic language because culture and language go together. David announced that the next INL Convention will be in Vancouver, BC, at River Rock Casino, April 29 and 30.

Princess Report: Emily reported that there were two applications to consider for alternate princess next year and that they were both excellent candidates. Maddie Kristjanson will be the Princess next year but the Club approved having both new candidates as "Princesses in waiting" so that we would be sure to have someone available to represent at events.

Coffee Money: Henry announced that the Tuesday morning coffee donations have been accruing for some time and are now \$364.28. He asked the Board what to do with the money and it was moved, seconded, and approved that we give the money to the NHM.

Mostly Nordic: NHM's Mostly Nordic concert series featured a duo of an Icelandic violinist and her classical guitar partner on May 31 and Henry housed the musicians. Several people on the Board had been at the concert and remarked at the high quality of the event.

Upcoming events:

- **June 17th Icelandic Independence Day Celebration** will be held Wednesday, June 17th from 6:30 – 8:30PM at the Nordic Heritage Museum. The menu will be pylsur with all the trimmings and potato salad. We'll have dinner before the program. Desserts will be vinarterta (ordering from Canada), Gusti said he will make ponnukokur, and Emily is making Rice Krispy bars. There will be

no charge at the door, but there will be donation baskets for the food and for the wine. There will also be a raffle and several people are putting together items for the raffle. Amanda will do an email blast. Emily announced the 5 scholarship applicants and the Board authorized all of them to receive a scholarship.

- **Snorri West 2015** – Four young Icelanders will be here in Seattle July 2nd thru July 9th. They will be staying at Jon & Ann Palmason's home and David will be chauffer and tour guide the week. The Board authorized David up to \$100 to buy each of them a small gift.
- **Seafood Festival:** Gisli will look into finding some volunteers to help out at this event.
- **Summer picnic:** Lynndale Park has been secured for the picnic on August 16.
- **Viking Days** is August 22-23.

Other Business:

Amanda is beginning to develop a newsletter and needs articles.

Jan will look for the emails of the young UW Icelanders.

David talked about the INL sponsorship of a speakers program. There is someone coming in September, so we need to make our wishes known right away to INL. David and Gisli were authorized to research the program and to make a commitment on our behalf.

Petur reported that Kristin and Light Nights available in the fall. We just need to make a commitment.

Icelandic costumes are all in good shape, thanks to Hrefna.

Meeting adjourned about 12:15PM. Next meeting will be Saturday, June 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Sigurdson