

Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle Board Meeting; October 1, 2016, 10:30AM; Swedish Club

Attendees: Gísli Ólafsson (President); Jan Sigurdsson (Membership Secretary); David Johnson (Treasurer); Henry Bjornsson (Trustee); Tota Sellars (Trustee); Dolla Davis (Trustee); Jens Eysteinnsson (Trustee); Emily Kristjanson (Trustee) .

Opening: Gísli opened the meeting at 10:45AM and shared a printed agenda.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Henry brought printed minutes from our September 10, 2016, meeting that Jan prepared. Minutes reviewed by all and approved unanimously. Minutes from September will be provided to Amanda to post to the website.

Membership Report: Still at 201 members. Jan will send out 2017 membership renewals by the end of October with self-addressed return envelopes. Gísli will work with Jan to craft a membership letter that will touch upon our increased dues for 2017.

- Dolla still is not on our Board e-mail distribution list. David will share this need with Tad and Amanda so they can add her.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters: Because of limited activity in our account the past three weeks, no current report provided. David referred folks back to the report provided at the September 10th meeting.

- David discussed the 50% share in the ten Taste of Iceland tickets someone purchased for \$1200 at the NHM Auction. If that person comes forward to use them, we will pay approximately \$375 for our share. This item will have generated about \$500 net profit for the NHM.
- After discussion, the Board unanimously approved a motion that David will liquidate the funds in our investment account and those funds will be given to the NHM capital building campaign while they can be matched during their 2:1 drive. Emily and David and anyone else who wishes to attend will schedule a formal presentation of the check at the NHM.

Upcoming Events

- October 9th the Norwegian Club is hosting a dinner and speaker at Leif Erikson Lodge. Tickets need to be purchased in advance for \$25. All are invited to attend; a small group from the ICGS expected.
- October 13th exhibition unveiling at the NHM at 6PM. On-line RSVP appreciated although event is free and open to the public. Jan and Dolla will attend and help David and Affa with preparation and serving of some Icelandic goodies to make the event a bit more authentic. David plans to make pönnukökkur.
- October 16th event at 4PM at PLU. Three guest lecturers about Icelandic sagas and literature will be speaking. All invited to attend. Free of charge.

- Jólabball: December 4th reserved at the Leif Erikson Lodge (Ballard). Ongoing conversations with Hrefna to see if her team will do this again.
- Gudrun Ingimarsdóttir concert: Airline tickets were changed for no add'l fee. Anticipated that she will be in Seattle the end of January. Jón not here today but he is still working to solidify location and dates.

Other business and issues

- Website administration: David will check with Amanda about securing website now that Tad is moving. Gísli will check with a young man in Ferndale who may be able to assist in our website maintenance. Gísli will prepare a thank you letter for all of Tad's work on building and maintaining the website for us free of charge. The Board approved a motion to purchase a \$100 Amazon gift card to go along with the letter as a token of appreciation for Tad's work.
- November Newsletter: Jan and Linda will work to get out another newsletter in November. All of us are encouraged to write a short piece.
- Nominating Committee: Jan will ask Linda if she would like to be the Nominating Committee Chair this year. We need at least three more Trustees and the composition of the Executives is under debate. Who wants to stay in their current roles and who would like to leave? These are all questions for the Nominating Committee to vet with the board individually.
- Virtual Meetings: David will attempt to coordinate a test-run of an on-line video/audio meeting platform called Zoom. He will approach the INL of NA to provide some technical assistance to use their subscription and knowledge to get us started with these tests. After we see how it goes, it was suggested that some of our meetings be via e-meetings and not in-person.

Adjourning: Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM and our next board meeting set for Saturday, November 5, 2016.