

## Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle Board Meeting, September 11, 2015

Attendees: Gisli Olafsson (President), Jan Sigurdson (Membership Secretary), Jens Eysteinnsson (Trustee), Kathi Olason (Trustee), Amanda Allen (Trustee), Pétur Guðmundsson (Trustee), Tota Sellars (Trustee), Henry Bjornsson (Trustee), Emily Kristjanson (Trustee), Hrefna Milner (Member, Costumes), Tad Davis (Member, Webmaster)

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

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting on June 27 were approved as read.

**Membership Report:** Jan indicates we now have 187 paid members.

**Treasurer's Report:** David was not present at the meeting due to an INL related meeting in Salt Lake City. A report will be available at our next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Gisli reviewed our recent events and was very grateful for all the help and support we had in these successful activities:

**Snorri West 2015** – Four young Icelanders were here in Seattle July 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>. Many of our Club members deserve thanks. Jon and Ann Palmason hosted them in their home during their visit; David Johnson drove the visitors to various activities and kept them entertained and busy. Many other members visited with them and made connections. They were wonderful young people.

**Summer picnic:** August 16 was our annual picnic at Lynndale Park. Although attendance was down a bit from last year, everyone agreed that it was a good location and those who attended (many new people) had a good time. Reservations for next year can be made starting in January and Petur will reserve the same spot for the second Sunday in August 2016. In preparation for the picnic, we will encourage families to hold family reunions during the picnic.

**Viking Days,** August 22-23, turned out well, especially with Gusti (thank you, Tota) making pönnukokur on-site; that was a big draw. There are many people to thank for all the baking and volunteering under Emily and Tota's leadership, especially Hrefna, Hulda Smith, and Judy Ohai who made six batches of kleinur! It was also great to have the Princesses Maddy Kristjanson and Taryn Keller present.

### **Upcoming events:**

**Jolaball: Saturday,** December 5 is the date for this year's Jolaball, location to be determined. Hrefna, Lara Jonsson, Sonna, and Judy Ohai will organize the Jolaball.

**Kristin and Lights Nights:** Postponed until later per Petur

**Thorrablot:** Date is set for February 27 at the Swedish Club. Gisli will talk to Jon Palmason about chairing the event, entertainment, food/chef, etc., and report back.

### **Other Business**

1. Fjallkona jewelry has been found by Sonna and her husband. Talk of securing it included renting a safety deposit box, having a protocol for use, etc. Sonna did not bring it to the meeting, but Gisli was going to pick it up.
2. Linda Russo has agreed to chair the Scholarship committee for next year.
3. We need a slate of Board members for the January annual meeting. Jens Eysteinnsson has agreed to chair the nominating committee.
4. Hrefna Milner brought a portion of a princess costume that she has recently repaired. She also bought pieces of silver to complete the repair and will be reimbursed.
5. Ingimar Oddsson (also known as the King of Bildudalur) will be visiting Seattle for a Steampunk Conference September 19-30. He will also be appearing at a local pub. Amanda will get the information from Jan and post it to our website.
6. Taste of Iceland/Reykjavik Calling is between October 8 and 11.
7. Tad Davis needs to be put on Board mailing list so he can add information to our website!
8. Amanda is ready to put out a newsletter in November. She needs photos and any information we might have on events. It was discussed that we need to come up with criteria for the newsletter and have an editorial calendar, perhaps twice a year: November and April.
9. The Club received a large donation of books from a local family. Jan will send the family of Oddny Thorsteinsdottir Greguski a thank you note and ask if we can put a short article in the newsletter. Jan will bring several boxes of books to the next meeting for the Board's review.
10. A 2016 membership draft letter under President Gisli Olafsson was approved. Jan will send out the letter soon.

The next meeting will be 10:30 a.m. on October 3 at NHM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Sigurdson, Membership