



## TLSSC plan for Saturday in Hudson

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Hello All,

I just got back from Idaho (great family experience), and now time to get serious again. We may not have as big a turnout as last time, but we'll have the essential core group and enough to reach consensus when required. Send me any questions or save them for Saturday.

First: Update on the Clarion. I visited the Clarion last week. The renovation has definitely started. They're doing the ballroom first where I went and coincidentally met James Prince the General Manager. He was very cooperative and again gave the June 1st date for renovation completion. He also showed me a sample "new"/renovated room (sleeps 4 with 2 double beds) which is right on the first floor near the reception desk. Anyone interested can see it. He also implied that the room rates post-renovation will rise only a bit and might still be under \$100 for a group, but also added that the rates will be "competitive." Latest accommodation (rooms) contract attached. Catering contract also attached.

Agenda items:

1. **Genealogy lab** - Marilyn not able to attend meeting. Other inputs. Ballroom only divisible in two, not into 3 parts.
2. **Hospitality** - need to decided which room for hospitality (shared with vendors). Mary Amundson to make visit to Clarion and make decision. It was suggested that perhaps the *New Land New Life* exhibit could be displayed in the room also, but Ron Stow of the SofN Synnove Nordkapp Lodge says it won't be available. It's pretty much booked through 2016 but wide open in 2017.
3. **Memorial Service** - sources for a rental piano. One source is Keys for Kids (actually "Keys4/4Kids") in St. Paul. Carmen wrote, "[Depending on the style of piano and stair situation, the fee would likely be between \\$430 - \\$500, with the lower end being if it's a smaller piano and with no to minimal stairs.](#)" The Clarion has no stairs and a piano is easily rolled in at the entrance near the ballroom. Another source is Laursen piano service in Eden prairie. A friend of mine is a piano tuner working for Laursen, so that's my connection. I haven't asked them for a quote yet. My connection to keys4/4kids is that my wife and I bought a used piano from them for my grandsons.
4. **Programs** - several things here. Contacts for new Norwegian Consul General, new Fellesraad president (soon TBA), and movie people, Mark and Merilee Mortenson from Vaccaville, CA. Also new lead for Hardanger Klubb.
5. **Entertainment** - waiting to hear back from Beth Butala, but she's highly recommended by Nancy Sand Olson who heard her talk along with others from the Daughters of Norway group.
6. **Facilities/local arrangements** - Georgene Vesey confirmed the \$8000 figure for catered food (banquet + any box lunches) + cash bar setup, but does not include any individual lunches ordered or hotel bar drinks. She also said, as she has many times, "We will work with you."
7. **Local tour** - Jim Olson has confirmed Paul Daniels for the Wednesday afternoon tour. "[I have contacted Paul Daniels at Luther Seminary and he has put us on the calendar for early afternoon Wednesday of stevne. We will talk further about details. We need to decide what time we will arrive at the Muskego church and how long we want to be there before going on to Mindekirken and Norway House.](#)" Still need answer on Mindekirken option of providing open face sandwiches, fruit, dessert, coffee.
8. **Publicity** - Mailings? Other places to advertise?
9. **Registration** - Hotel lobby will be different, stone wall will be gone. Hotel says it can help us with registration arrangements.
10. **Site selection committee** - each lag's representative + others
11. **Vendors** - in Mary Amundson's good hands, 3 yeses so far. May possibly need new suggestions.

12. **Program Schedule and Speakers** - in order from Nancy's January minutes (minutes attached). Need to categorize first choice vs second choice/backups. Last meeting A to Z ideas attached.

Byron Nordstrom notified for Thursday morning keynote following opening ceremony. He hasn't responded to my email yet.

Beth Butala (2014 Alt for Norge winner) for banquet. A probable yes, but David Engen (2015 winner) is a good backup.

Karen Humphrey (MNHA and NAHA President?) or Sondre Reiersen (MNHS) pending

Snohetta, Norwegian Architectural firm, pending

Brian Stadsvold architecture - ?

Lawrence Moe - ?

Amy Boxrud, NAHA Director - ?

Norwegian resistance letters? Author Sigrid Undset (1928 Nobelist in Literature). Her home at Maihaugen, Lillehammer. Gudbrandsdal connection. Need two other notables for NHOH and Tronder lags.

Rep from each lag. How to present. One person does 5 or 5 people to one each?

Paul Daniels - OK through Jim Olson

Craig Amundson - source of WAM Bridges video. Also retired architect. Might be able to do Snohetta. Other source is book, "Saga in Steel and Concrete: Norwegian Engineers in America" by Kenneth O. Bjork.

Beginning Genealogy - Linda Schwartz OK

Chris Falteisek - recent Norway/Sweden trip?

Dr. Jim Moller - good talk on the days of the first heart surgeries in MN? Friend of Dick. Can ask if necessary.

Michael & Bonnie Jorgensen on Theodora Cormonton

Gary Romsaas/Dixie Hansen - recent technology

Legacy Norwegians to spotlight: Coya Knutson, Roe Hatlen, Gracia Grindal, Roald Amundsen

Jason David programs - still backup idea

Dennis Gimmestad - I talked with him at Mindekirken and he is available at time of stevne. He can do the Norwegian bridges in the Twin Cities, and as an historian, possibly some other talk(s)

13. Other ideas:

We don't have to present all Norwegian with lasting legacies (casting long shadows) in presentation format. For example Norwegian Nobelists could be on wall with placards/posters showing picture and dates of persons along with a relatively short, concise description their resulting legacy underneath. Also included should be the American (Norwegian) Nobelist from Augsburg.

Another example is Odd Lovoll himself. A picture of him and below his legacy as depicted by the book covers of his many books, starting perhaps with his "A Folk Epic, the *Bygdelag in America*." The bygdelag movement itself has created a legacy as we are living it.

Another group with a long shadow is the Eidsvollmenn themselves. Various monuments here and there.

More I'm sure.

Dick

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