

## Tre Lag Stevne Steering Committee Meeting

Best Western – Doublewood Inn, Fargo ND

October 1, 2011

I. Robert Fossum called the meeting to order at 10:50. Trudy DeKeuster agreed to take meeting notes.

II. There were no changes to the Agenda.

III. Election of Officers and Committee Assignments:

Position	Elected	Nominator	Seconded Nom.
Chair	Robert Fossum	Dixie Hanson	John Peterson
Vice Chair	Joy Shong	Dixie Hanson	Dick Lundgren
Secretary	Nancy Hawkinson	Robert Fossum	Dick Lundgren
Treasurer	Ron Helstad	Robert Fossum	John Reindl

	2012 Stevne Assignments
Gen. Lab Chair	Barry Dahl
Memorial Service	Chris Falteisek
Site Committee	Dick Lundgren, Robert Fossum, John Reindl
Vendors	Robert Fossum, Cheryl Goodin, John Reindl
Registration	Dixie Hanson
Audio/Visual	John Peterson, Joy Shong
Publicity	John Peterson, Nancy Hawkinson
Banquet & Catering	Joy Shong
Hospitality	John Peterson, Shirley Shafer [?]
Program Committee	All steering committee members.

IV. Robert Fossum’s minutes of the 9 April 2011 TLSSC meeting read and accepted. [Posted to website.]

V. Treasurer’s Report, dated 31 Aug 2011, accepted without change. [Posted to website.] It was advised that the 3 Lag treasurers audit the Stevne records for 2009 - 2011.

VI. Old Business:

### A. Committee & Individual Reports

1. The vendor committee would like the same size room but possibly in a more common area. They would like to find a few local vendors.
  
2. The genealogy lab committee liked the set-up of 2011 room and the room schedule. They suggest a 2012 repeat.
3. The publicity committee sent out 130-140 fliers to churches, SON lodges, genealogical & historical societies and other organizations in or near Sioux Falls announcing the 2011 Stevne. Postings were made to online web sites, bulletin boards, the SF Chamber of Commerce and newspapers. The *Nyheter Brev* was mailed to 80-100 organizations in the Sioux Falls area to promote the Stevne.

B. Review & Evaluation of 2011 Stevne. Discussed great reviews for theme, location, vendors, classes and hospitality room. Not so great for keynote speaker. Saturday GenLab use was spotty and maybe not worth the effort for all lags. New membership was average – and seemed to be ‘younger’ than past years.

C. Stevne Site Selection Committee mentioned the Duluth/Superior Area, Barker Island Resort, Hibbing & Bemidji MN, Dubuque Iowa Convention Center and Three Bears Lodge in Wisconsin. We discussed the need for ‘compact’ facilities to accommodate the mobility issues of members.

## VII. New Business:

### A. 2012 Stevne

1. Committee Assignments – see table above.
2. There was some discussion of the 2012 schedule, tour day, lab hours and speakers. Nothing was decided as the tour needs to be planned and the lab hours will work around it.
3. Theme: Barry Dahl & John Peterson suggested ‘Images of our Past’.
4. Speakers: Mark Peihl - Clay County ND, Verlyn Anderson, Jackie Maule of the Red River Genealogical Society, Joan Buckley, Odd Lovall, Rick Crume the Internet Genealogist.
5. Tour: Hjeimkomst Center and Hopperstad Stave Church Replica. Or something similar as the 2005 Stevne covered both.
6. Entertainment - ?? No suggestions, but John Peterson will look locally.
7. Other: We talked of possible interest topics; ‘farming then and now’, ‘photo archivist’, Arne G. Brekke Bygdebok collection at UND in Grand Forks.

We had a tour of the Doublewood Inn & Convention Center.

- Stevne supplied coffee and cookies can only be served in a room or suite. Room 174 would be ideal.
- Proposed classrooms: Woodland North, Walnut, Birch, and possibly Chestnut for hardanger and Elm & Cedar for small classes.
- Genealogy lab will be the Woodland South.
- Vendor area proposed for Woodland East.
- Redwood Courtyard area for registration and mingling.

VIII. Next meeting will be January 21, 2012 in Minneapolis. Place to be determined later.

Respectfully Submitted  
Trudy Dekeuster