

Minutes
Tre Lag Stevne Steering Committee
Saturday, March 13, 2010
Arterial Restaurant, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Attending: Barry Dahl (Tr), Jan Floeter (Gud), Cheryl Goodin (Tr), Dixie Hansen (Hed), Nancy Hawkinson (Tr), Ron Helstad (Hed), Marv Lang (Gud/Hed/Tr), Dick Lundgren (Gud), Jim Olson (Gud), Linda Schwartz (Tr), Joy Shong (Hed), Marilyn Sorensen (Gud); also attending –Les Floeter.

Absent: Robert Fossum (Tr), John Reindl (Hed), Joanna Shager Hocker (Gud/Tr), Betty Strand (Gud)

THEME: Looking Forward, Looking Back: Norwegian Spirit and Perseverance

2010 Stevne Date: August 4-7, 2010

2010 Stevne Site: Ramada, 1501 Northpoint Dr., Stevens Point WI 54481

- A. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by chairman, Joy Shong.
- B. Minutes from the 16 January 2010 meeting approved with correction noting Betty Strand was not present.
- C. TLSSC treasurer, Ron Helstad, reported a balance of \$1,801.38. No expenses incurred to date for 2010 Stevne.

D. Stevne Plan (Schedule) – Opening Ceremony:

Invited to bring greetings:

Mayor James Halvorson has accepted.

Current County Executive Mark Maslowski has accepted but is running as a write-in candidate for re-election.

UWSP Interim Chancellor Dr. Mark Nook has accepted but he may or may not be chancellor in August.

Marilyn Somdahl from the Fellesraad (or a substitute); has not yet accepted.

Presidents of each of the Lags

D.Stevne Plan (Schedule) – Topics and Speakers:

\$100 – for a single presentation

\$125 – double presentation

\$150 – keynote speaker

Confirmed Speakers:

Joy will send the standard letter/contract with AV request and request for bio & picture for program.

1. Jerry Paulson—Norwegian Food & Customs vs American Food & Culture
2. Robert Fossum—250th Anniversary of Founding of Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences & Letters
3. Jim Olson—“They Agreed to Disagree” — Life/struggle of early church in America
4. Mark Seiler—Rosholt family
5. Jon Satrum—The Hurtigruten—A Journey Across Time
6. John Reindl, Marilyn Sorensen, Barry Dahl—How to Read Bygeboker
7. Ken Domier—Using the Digital Archives

8. Dixie Hansen—Google/Bing/Image Searches—Strategies for Research
(Genealogy Panel of Dixie, Joe Waddell & others on comparing software was discussed)
9. Blaine Hedberg—Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library
10. Children’s Literature presenter
(Chris Falteseik agreed to do a presentation on music, possibly children’s)
11. Dr. Gerry Ring—Paper Industry
12. Elaine Hasleton & Marilyn Sorensen
13. Movie on Wednesday night (Marv)—“Knut Rockne”

Still to be contacted/confirmed:

1. Kathleen Stokker (Dixie)—Norwegian Humor During Occupation
(3/16 note: Dixie has contacted and Kathleen Stokker is not available)
2. Chris Skjervold (Marilyn)—Norwegian Resistance
3. Pastor Kristin Sundt (Marilyn)—Educational System in Norway
4. Tom Loftus (John)—Keynote
5. Gary Romsaas (Joy)—
6. Evan Bergenstuen (Jim)—Transportation in Norway (Train)
7. Phil Odden/Colby Booth (Robert) —Demonstrator—Wood Carving
8. Virginia Nelson (Joy)—Hardanger demonstration

Additional Suggestions:

1. Jurene Mortensen—“Three Cups of Tea”—presented at Mindekiren Tuesday Open House (Marilyn)
2. Roger Magnuson—Salt Lake Family History Library—(Marilyn)
3. Polly Johnson—dance

D. Stevne Plan (Schedule). Tour – Saturday, August 7, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bus Arrangements

Lamars Bus Lines
 Four hours, \$363 per bus (55 passenger)
 Estimate that we will need two buses
 Mark Seiler & Marv Lang will act as tour guides on the buses
 Contact Information:
 Debra J. Bauknecht
 Wisconsin Rapids Office
 Phone: 715-421-2400, x10212
 E-mail: Debrab@golamers.com
 Joy will contact and handle contract.

Itinerary

Hellestad House—Hartman Creek State Park, Waupaca
 Phone: 715-258-8086
 E-mail: aseiler@charter.net
 Sue Eiler—plays the role of Anne Hellestad
 Can handle up to 100 people at a time
 No charge but accepts donations
 Suggested that TLSSC make a \$100 donation

Hitterdal Church, north of Iola W

Lola Mae Dalland
Phone: 715-445-2620

Lunch at Northland Church, north of Iola WI

Norwegian meal prepared by Norskeland SON
Contact information:

Dale Thompson
Phone: 715-445-3156

Suggested that TLSSC budget \$10 per meal

Rosholt House in Rosholt WI

J. G. Rosholt House is being restored by Mark Siler

D. Stevne Plan (Schedule) – Entertainment & Music

Johanna has volunteered Tre Lag Musicians to provide music but has not been officially contacted yet.

Jam/practice session

Prior to banquet

Possibly at Northland Church luncheon on Saturday

Banquet:

Preview 2011 Stevne in Sioux Falls—Jim Olson

Marv reported “Ole and Sven” have been confirmed for banquet entertainment

Marv will emcee

D. Stevne Plan – Food

Coffee—will not be needed on Wednesday or Saturday

Banquet & Social Hour

2009: Banquet charge was \$29 per person
Over half choose salmon entrée

2010: Suggest two entrée choices: Prime Rib (\$19.95) & Salmon (\$18.95) plus
Gratuity (18%) and Sales Tax (5.5%)
Meal includes Salad, rolls, beverage & desert
Linda will contact Countryside Lefse in Blair WI for lefse for banquet

D. Stevne Plan – Budget

Committee members asked to send Joy anticipated cost for inclusion in Expense Spreadsheet.

AV Rental—Joy will check on rental cost for microphones

Piano Rental

Jim Laabs Music Super Store, 1055 Main St., Stevens Point WI 54881

5 Day Rental is \$539.00

D. Stevne Plan – Genealogy Lab – Hedmark (John Reindl) has responsibility

Genealogy Lab will open to the public at no charge on Wednesday evening (7:30-10:00 p.m.)

Not only will this be a public service but may encourage attendance at the Stevne.

Hours: Wednesday, August 4	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 5	9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.
Friday, August 6	9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 7, Hedmark only,	2:00 p.m –time to be determined

D. Stevne Plan – Vendors

Vendors contacted and accepted:

1. Linda Engelnun – Norsk Heritage Workshop—Vendor Room
2. Diane Hoven – Hardanger—Vendor Room
3. Eleanor & Adrian Johnson – Rosemaled wood items—Vendor Room
4. Lois & Ron Mueller – Nordic Design—Vendor Room
5. Deb Gurley Nelson – Books—Vendor Room
6. Jim Olson – Books—Genealogy Lab

Additional suggested vendor(s) to contact:

1. Don Rorvig—wood carver

Final Vendor list to newsletter editors by May 15th.

Dixie can accept later for program.

D. Stevne Plan – Hospitality Room

Local area SON will host and will be asked to provide coffee, cream, lemonade. TLSSC will reimburse them for beverage expense.

In addition they have offered to provide Norwegian “goodies” which will be supplemented by Lag member contributions, as in the past.

Wednesday:	Vennligfolk Lodge (#5-627), Stevens Point Contact person: Louise Lang (715-341-3201)
Thursday:	Myrmarken Lodge (#5-609), Marshfield Contact person: Owen Christianson
Friday:	Elvedal Lodge (#5-556), Wisconsin Rapids Contact persons: Tom & Sue Boudreau (715-886-4514)

D. Stevne Plan – Publicity

Marv will need camera ready copy by mid-June from each lag. These will be published in the local area newspaper(s) on three consecutive weeks prior to the Stevne. Content should be lag specific. Marv will add Stevne boilpoint.

Dixie passed around the Stevne Poster for final approval. She will provide the website so it can be downloaded for use in lag publications and printing of posters. Committee is asked to print and distribute posters to as many places as possible.

A mailing with Stevne information has been done to approximately 150 mail and email contacts. An event notice has been posted to the Viking Magazine online event calendar.

Short discussion on placing an advertisement in Viking Magazine. Consensus that it is too expensive.

Suggestion to submit an article for publication in the Norwegian-American weekly. No volunteer (yet) to write article.

D. Stevne Plan – Evaluations

Jan asked committee to think about what feedback would be helpful to future planning.

D. Stevne Plan – Other

Action Item: Marv will check to see if the Stevens Point bus service stops at the Ramada.

Suggestion to have a “mixer” activity, either early in the stevne or during social hour prior to banquet.

Business Meetings

Nord Hedmark will hold their business meeting on Saturday in conjunction with their Centennial
Tronderlag will hold their meeting on Thursday
Gubrandsdal will hold their meeting on Friday morning

E. Old Business

2011 Stevne to be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Sioux Falls SD

Stevne Dates: August 3-6, 2011

Joy will scan and send copy of the contract to committee for review. It needs to be signed and mailed on Monday, March 15th.

2012 Site Selection

Dixie will research possible Iowa location(s) prior to our next meeting.

NHOH Centennial

To be held Saturday afternoon and evening, August 7th, following close of Stevne. Anticipated to be a small event and include a banquet.

Next Meeting:

May 1, 2010, 2:00 P.M.
Mindekirken—Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, 924 E. 21st St., Minneapolis MN.
Marilyn Sorensen will make the arrangements. There will be a charge for use of the room.

Motion to adjourn at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hawkinson, TLSSC Secretary