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THE DANISH SOLDIERS CLUB

OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

MEMBER OF: DANSKE SOLDATERFORENINGERS LANDSRAAD
PROTECTOR: HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARGRETHE II OF DENMARK

Membership Meeting 07 March 2020

- Call to Order: President Keith Brians opened the meeting at 12:10 PM.
- Treasurer Margrethe Baekgaard noted the following donations to the club and offered our thanks.
 - Henrik Olsgaard donated a pressure washer to be used for the buildings. Romel repaired our current pressure washer for use on the concrete.
 - Vagn Nielsen donated parts for the barbecue repair performed by his son-in-law. It is ready for May!
- Margrethe presented the Treasurer's income and expense reports for November 2019 through February 2020.
 - November 2019 Notes
 - Extra lunches were ordered and paid for by the club because the orders were below 40.
 - An item noted as the liquor license for the Christmas party seemed unusually high. (Follow up by Margrethe and Rick Santarini after the meeting clarified that the fee was a payment to Sonoma County Vets for the hall.)
 - December 2019 Notes
 - Donations were received from Tove Lindberg and Vibeke Jensen for the December newsletter.
 - Dues were received in which increased the checking account balance from the month of November.
 - 2019 Summary

- Larger non-routine expenses this year included the replacement of an appliance in the caretaker house and tree removal cost.
 - The collection for the donation to the Danish soldier care package totaled \$320. Rick waiting for input on disbursement. A motion was made and approved for the club to match the donation to the soldier care package and pay for costs associated with getting the donation to the soldiers.
- January 2020 Notes
 - Donations were made by Erik Larsen, Lavon Christensen, Michael Baekboel.
 - Question about a liquor license fee resolved with explanation that receipts may be turned in after the fact.
- February 2020 – no noted items
- Treasurer’s income and expense reports approved
- Keith acknowledged Vagn, Poul Poulsen and Ken Fultz for closing down the picnic grounds for the winter and opening them back up for today’s meeting and the rest of the season.
- Board Update
 - Keith Brians is President.
 - The Vice President role manages the events for the club (May/September barbecue and Christmas party). This function will be carried by two board members. Dennis Wimple volunteered to support the barbecue portion of the role. The person to adopt the remaining responsibilities for this role is to be decided at the next Board meeting.
 - Margrethe and Jill Brians will hold their positions Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.
 - Vagn volunteered for the open position on the board. There are two years remaining in this term.
- Use of Club Grounds for Other Groups/Events
 - We have received requests from other groups to use the picnic grounds for meetings and/or events. Specifically, Linnea Lodge,

Vasa Order of America in Petaluma for their mid-summer event on June 27.

- Currently the only other group using the space is Dania every other month with an average of 20 people per meeting. Dania pays a use fee to the Danish Soldier's Club for the time/space.
 - Suggestion made to rent out the space to other similarly situated groups, given they provide their own insurance and pay a fee for use and clean up.
 - Henrik provided the membership information about another organization he is involved in, Vikings of Bjornstad, and ways that some of their activities could be shared with the membership here and thereby generate interest across both groups.
 - Some of the concerns cited included liability issues and potential legal action from local businesses if we are seen to be competing for event business.
 - Peter Schakow volunteered to lead a committee to discuss management of use requests for the property. Other members to join the committee include Dennis, Poul and Karen Lysmer. Peter will report back to the membership at the next meeting.
- Club Attendance
 - Discussion at the meeting also included ways to generate more interest in the club and gain new members.
 - Suggestions include inviting members of other groups to present about their clubs and upcoming events and activities, bring in music and have lectures or presentations related to the interests of the club.
 - Meeting Adjourned at 12:55 PM

Jill Brians, Secretary