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President's Report!

Well, days are getting longer (not by much), and the cold snap appears to be behind us. Soon we'll be seeing the crocuses blooming, signifying that Spring is just around the corner. However, Punxsutawney Phil has other ideas and predicts another six weeks of Winter.

At the February Board meeting, Membership Chair Ole Kolberg reported that we have 91 members, now the goal is to encourage them to attend our monthly Lodge meetings.

I'm pleased to welcome Ev Engstrom as our 2023 Cultural Director. Ev and Social Chair Dee Bumpers are planning some interesting events for upcoming meetings.

In other news, The Board voted to continue collecting used postage stamps and forward them to "Stamps for the Wounded", a veteran's organization in Virginia. Clark Brekke has agreed to continue serving as the contact person for the stamp project.

Finally, the Lodge is still looking for a Vice President and a Secretary, so if you are interested, please consider attending a board meeting to see how the Lodge operates.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting on February 19th; rumor has it we will have pizza and a movie.

Until then...

Paul Abelquist

Pizza & Movie Night

Please join fellow lodge members for pizza
and a video presentation!

Sunday, February 19th
4pm
Faith Lutheran Church

The lodge meeting will begin at 4pm with a selection of pizzas,
sodas and desserts.

Please RSVP to Linda Turmo at (865) 233-7411 or
turmolat@charter.net before Friday, January 17,
to assist with meal planning purposes.

Pizza choices include Cheese only, Pepperoni, Sausage or
"Everything" pizza.

Each member is encouraged to provide a \$5 donation to cover the meal.



International Festival

Viking Volunteers Needed

The Children's Museum of Oak Ridge is hosting the 2023 Annual International Festival. The Lodge hopes to again have a booth at the festival, and volunteers are needed to staff the booth, make and sell lefse!

Saturday, February 25th, from 10-4pm

Please contact Dee Bumpers if you are interested in helping!

From the Treasurer:

Our net loss for January 2023 was \$218. which compares to a net loss of \$67 for January 2022. There was income in the amount of \$89 from SON for our share of membership dues.

The \$307 expenses included \$251 for SON insurance, \$31 towards the next District 5 Convention, and a \$35 donation in memory of Wendell Leimohn. This compares to \$67 expenses last January, including \$42 for the next District 5 Convention, and \$25 for Ski for Light expense.

Our current assets are \$4,541 in the Regions checking account. This compares to \$5,440 for January 2022. The only current liability is a \$1,006 accrual for the next SON district 5 biannual convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Trygve Myhre

There were several requests for the recipe for the delicious Rommegrot Bars that were provided by Linda Turmo at last month's lodge event!



Ingredients Needed

2 pkgs. crescent roll dough
2 – 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened
1 1/3 cup sugar (divided use)
1 egg, separated
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Grease 9x13" baking pan.
- Press one package of crescent rolls in bottom of pan.
- Mix cream cheese, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg yolk and 1 tsp. vanilla.
- Spread mixture over crescent rolls; then cover with the remaining package of crescent rolls.
- Beat egg white until foamy and baste over the top layer of crescent rolls.
- Mix 1/3 cup sugar and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon.
- Sprinkle over the top crescent roll layer.
- Bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown.
- Cool, cut and enjoy!

Store leftovers in the refrigerator.

Note From Linda:

This recipe was published in a newsletter we received after the 2017 Stevne, probably from Sigdalslag.

Sons of Norway Social Media

Did you know that in addition to the various social media platforms from Sons of Norway International and District 5, your local Vikings of the Smokies Lodge has a Social Media presence???

VOTS has an extensive website, which includes copies of all the newsletters dating back to 2015, along with an updated calendar of events, including monthly board of directors meetings, contact information for the lodge officers and directions to Faith Lutheran Church.

Take some time to explore the websites and other social media pages, including Facebook and Instagram.



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