



# NORDLANDET LODGE 5-620

**ATTENTION ALL LODGE MEMBERS**

## **2<sup>ND</sup> NOTIFICATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO VOTE WHETHER OR NOT TO DISSOLVE THE NORDLANDET LODGE**

**JULY 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**

Trinity Lutheran Church, 235 North Stevens Street  
Rhineland, WI 54501

Following Sons of Norway procedures on 'Voluntary Lodge Dissolution' this is the notification of the second special meeting to be held Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Trinity Lutheran Church basement, Rhineland. At his meeting there will be a vote on the closure of the lodge. If eight members vote against closing then the lodge must remain open. Those wishing to keep the lodge from closing should come prepared to volunteer for a position on the board-- President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Director, Cultural Director, Publicity Director, Foundation Director, Newsletter, and committee chairs for—Meeting Planning, Syttende Mai, and Julefest.

Last December due to lack nominees for election of officers the current board members, some very reluctantly, remained on the board. These board members have been serving for many years, some are tired, and some have mobility & health problems. It is time to consider closing the lodge or for other more energetic & enthusiastic members to take on leadership roles.

### Current Board of Directors

President: Fred Olsen	715-275-3983
Vice President: Lee Samuelson	715-277-3331
Secretary: Lauralee Martin	715-479-8135
Financial Sec/Treas: Gladys Miller	715-487-5471
Social Director: Charlotte Schowalter	715-487-5773
Cultural Director Virginia Olsen	715-275-3983
Newsletter Editor: Judy Groh	715-614-0928
Publicity Director: Sharon Samuelson	715-277-3331
Foundation Director: Helen Sigurdson	715-369-3763
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[Minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting on back]

## **Nordlandet Lodge 5-650 Minutes from June 8 Sons meeting**

There were 9 members present to discuss the termination of Lodge 5-620. Present were Fred Olsen, Helen Sigurdson, Sharon & Lee Samuelson, Char Showalter, Helen Brandow, Marie Marin, & Lauralee and Jack Martin. Dean Marin, observer and interested guest.

The 2017 membership directory was handed out.

A motion was made by Jack Martin and seconded by Gladys Miller to hold what may be the final lodge meeting on July 13, 2017. The meeting will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rhinelander at 2 pm. This is a required meeting as explained in the last newsletter. There must be 8 voting members present who vote for termination.

Gladys Miller began the discussion on what to do with the funds in the treasury as of June 8, 2017. The "possible" expenditures are as listed: 1. \$1000 to Trinity Lutheran Church for youth activities (The church has hosted the lodge for many years). 2. \$1000 to the Sons of Norway Foundation 3. \$500 Carthage College. We have sent donations to other colleges through out the years. 4. \$300 each to the backpack programs in the elementary schools of Eagle River, Minocqua, Elcho, and Rhinelander (the towns of the members present).

This \$3700 expenditure will close out the treasury except for \$130 or so for closing costs of any kind. These are "possible" as of now as termination has not been voted on.

The next discussion was what to do with the flags and other equipment? Helen Sigurdson will call Anita Foss to find out a contact at the Birkebeiner in Cable, WI so we can give the flags ( American and Norwegian) to them for the race. There is a question as to what to do with all the records each officer has in their possession. To be researched.

Lauralee Martin was to contact SON district secretary to find out what to do with members who want to continue being SON members. The SON manual stipulates members of closed lodge may transfer to another lodge or transfer to Central lodge at international SON in Minneapolis. (NOTE: District 5 secretary Arneson has sent an email to me which I have forwarded to other lodge officers concerning lodge termination. This occurred after the meeting.)

The sentiment of the members present was we are doing something we do not want to do but have no choice as there are not enough members to continue carrying on lodge activities. We did talk about getting together every once in a while for a Scandinavian coffee klatch. But it does appear we have no options left but to close the lodge.

Respectively submitted,

Lauralee Martin

Secretary

June 13, 2017