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Norwegian Glee Club of Minneapolis

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Memorabilia display at banquet.photo by H Nelson

Concert celebration reception.

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

I must start with comments on our wonderful Centennial Anniversary Banquet. Our banquet committee of Dennis Sorheim and Jack Howard did a great job. Dennis as MC was excellent. The film that was produced by our good friend Mike was outstanding. He had interviewed many of our long-time members who covered many years of Glee Club history, and put all of that together in a fast-paced overview. Bob Olson #2 coordinated these interviews for Mike. The end product was terrific, and we now have some living history that all of us can view and have for future use and enjoyment.

The large display of memorabilia was of great interest and we are grateful to Einar Johansen for the frames he built that enhanced the display.

Honored guests were Gary Gandrud, Honorary Norwegian Consul-General, Dr. David Judisch, NSAA Director-in-Chief, who drove up with his wife from Decorah, and Roger and Leslie Stavnem, Past NSAA President from Chicago. We thank them for being an important addition to our celebration. As you would expect, we ended the evening with the Glee Club singing some old favorites, directed by Carsten Slostad with pianist Martha Mutch.

Continuing our Centennial celebration, we are presenting a concert at the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, Friday, Oct. 5th, at 7:30 p.m. Special guest performances by the American Swedish Institute Male Chorus and the St. Paul Swedish Male Chorus and by guests from Norway, Kai Robert Johansen,

trumpet, Haldis Hegstad, piano, and Aslaug Hegstad, violin and hardingfele. A reception will follow this gala event.

We will be providing a concert at Walker Health Center Thursday, Sept. 27th; other concerts will provide for a busy Fall season.

Our Glee Club grew by one with the addition of Paul Slostad, another fine voice for the bass section. Having three Slostads is quite unique and special (and Joe and Paul move the average age of our singers down a bit).

Everyone was listed in good health. Andy Anderson's new knee is propelling him quite well, and Ron Hemstad has made good recovery from heart surgery.

Reservations for our lutefisk dinners on Oct. 20th are coming along fine according to our master ticket seller, Earl Evanstad.

Some non-partisan quotes from former President Ronald Reagan, that can be attributed to both of the major parties: "Government is like a baby: an alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."

"The nearest thing to eternal life you will ever see on this earth is a government program."

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself, you can

always write a book."

"If we ever forget that we are a nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.



one under.

Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Singer Brothers and Ladies,

On behalf of the Bjornson Male Chorus and the Bjornson Ladies' Auxiliary, we wish to extend a very much appreciated "Thank You" for all the kind words and remarks regarding Sangerfest 2012. We also wish to say *Mange Tusen Takk* to all of you who came and helped make Sangerfest so special. This was a time for all of us to renew our camaraderie with old friends and to meet and greet new ones.

Here are some of the people that must be mentioned as very special for their service and expertise regarding Sangerfest 2012. Our Grand Marshal, Frank Potempa from Normennenes Singing Society was dedicated and exceptional in his duties. Bergren from the Canton Grieg Chorus in South Dakota showed his experience and expertise as Assistant Grand Marshal, especially during evening's Thursday Parade Choruses. Thanks again to both of you.

The main theme of Sangerfest, of course, is music, and what a masterful job was turned by our Director-in-Chief, Dr. David Judisch. He exhibited why he is our leader by not only directing the singers masterfully, but also pinch-hitting for director Barbara Schubert from the DuPage Symphony orchestra who fell ill and was unable to attend our festivities. Thank you also to our own Ed Kramer for an excellent job as Assistant Director, but also for a wonderful job of directing the orchestra on The Testament of Freedom.

Ave Maria featured Melissa Grant and her very talented Nordic Voices, a female chorus with a beautiful harmonic sound. Fine solos were provided by James Svanoe and Wayne Mitchell on *Kaare's Sang* from *Sigurd Slembe*. Our last song, *Landkjending*, featured our own Julian Ronning as baritone soloist. Many thanks to all of you!

Our wonderful pianist, Janet Eckhardt, proved again why we love her masterful fingers. She and Terry Walter teamed up and did a stirring rendition of dual pianos on Gonna Build a Mountain. This next individual received a God-given gift of voice - Ken Michaels. Very few have taken such wonderful care of their gift from above, which is why the first thing that I did when I learned I was to be the next chairman of Sangerfest, was to ask Ken to be our guest soloist. I think most of you will agree that was a very good move on my part. As always, Ken did a great job, but I'm convinced the Good Lord was smiling down on His creation that evening and granted that Ken's voice would be exceptional! The one I could turn to for help and suggestions at any time was John Lee, our Bjornson President and my honorary chairman. Thanks to all of you once again.

I didn't mean to write such a windy article, but I am not done yet. I did have a partner with me most of the time, my wife, Leslie. Her contributions to our Sangerfest were beyond the call of duty and, after over 35 years of marriage, this Sangerfest made it even stronger. Hard to believe, but true.

Cooperation and help from the host facility is most important or close to it for a successful Sangerfest. The Pheasant Run Resort certainly held up

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DEADLINE FOR NOV.-DEC. ISSUE Nov. 19, 2012 its end of the bargain. My contact and go-to person was Jimmy Smith, who has been their Convention Services Manager for the past five years and spent 17 years at McCormick Place in Chicago before coming to Pheasant Run. Working 14-16 hour days to make sure that our event ran smoothly was first on his list. I cannot say enough about his contributions, and he could not pull himself away during our Grand Concert; he shared that he had never heard something so wonderful.

Herb Nelson, my successor as President of NSAA, sent an invitation to Leslie and me to attend the 100th Anniversary of the Norwegian Glee Club in Minneapolis on Sept. 15th. They are as friendly a group of people as you would ever hope to meet. I believe it was Einar Johanson, one of their past presidents, who said, "If you join the Glee Club, you automatically have 35 new friends." Herb Nelson is also the President of their chorus. During these past two years we have spoken so often by phone that I feel we have become friends.

In closing, I wish to congratulate the Minneapolis people on their 100th year jubilee, and much success in planning the 2014 Sangerfest.

Respectfully,



Roger and Leslie Stavnem Bjornson Male Chorus

NORDIC MALE CHORUS Sioux City IA

The Nordics broke bread together with their wives Sept. 19th, kicking off the new Chorus season with the traditional steak fry. Arrangements were made by Larry Weil, with able assistance from other members. Thanks to all.

Welcomed back to the Chorus is Charles Horkey, returning after a previous stint in the bass section. He will help fill the place of Bill Brockhaus who decided to retire. My thanks to Bill for his years of service with the group.

Two of our newest members are missing as Monday rehearsals begin under long-time director Charles Schuett. Second Tenor Zach Beatty is busy with high school music activity, and Joe Ellickson has taken his trained baritone voice in a move to Minnesota, where he is singing with a professional group.

We are sorry to report Baritone Tom Flackoy has been out of action due to injuries in an accidental fall, but is expected to return soon.

And we are sorry to report the passing on Aug. 31st of Joyce Dawson, 85, wife of Harlan "Bud" Dawson, long-time tenor, now living in a retirement home. Joyce had been an active member of the Auxiliary and part of a good team with a marriage of nearly 65 years. Blessed be her memory.

Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.



Joyce Dawson

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison, WI

The Chorus wrapped up its 2011-12 concert schedule with a performance for the annual Seven-Lag Stevne at the Olympic Hotel and Conference Center in Oconomowoc on July 20. The seven lodges represented included Telelaget, Hadeland, Sigdalslag, Ringerike-Drammen, Totenlag, Landingslag, and Numendalslaget. This year's theme was a "Norwegian Christmas in July." In addition to our Chorus, the evening's entertainment included a bunad parade and the Lykkeringen Norwegian **Dancers** from Milwaukee.

The Chorus then took a well-deserved, but short, summer recess. Our first event for 2012-13 was our annual kick-off picnic held at Lake Farm Park in Madison on September 11. The weather was perfect, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the traditional Norwegian Lutheran potluck and the opportunity to visit with fellow singers, family members and friends of the Chorus.

Our first performance of the new season was for the Evansville Grove Society on September 25. The Society was celebrating the region's Norwegian heritage. The Grove Society is a historical organization dedicated to preserving the history of

Evansville, Wisconsin, and surrounding area. The Chorus sang a full program of fifteen Norwegian and English songs including our two Sangerfest Parade of Choruses pieces, "O, at jeg kunde min Jesus prise" (My Heart is Longing) and "Song for the Unsung Hero."

Our next performance is scheduled for October 26 at the Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge as part of the "Destination Stoughton" weekend. Additional performance opportunities are in the process of being finalized so it looks like another busy year for the Chorus. We are pleased to welcome Clyde Nyhus as the newest member of our baritone section. Clyde is the Director of Music at Messiah Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, A graduate of UW-Wisconsin.

Whitewater with a degree in music, Clyde and his wife June have two grown sons.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR Sioux Falls SD

(The following first report was submitted for the July-August 2012 issue and inadvertently omitted, for which the production assistant apologizes.)

The Minnehaha Mandskor would like to thank the host chorus and committee for their fine work on the 2012 Sangerfest! What a wonderful place to have it. All was well planned and carried out. We tip our hats to the many who made it such a success.

We have been off for summer but for a switch this year, we will have a couple of rehearsals to prepare for our new venture, a booth at the Sioux Empire Fair where we will sell chislic and kuchen. Chislic is mutton on a stick, grilled or deep fat fried and usually served with saltine crackers. It's a favorite of those German/Russian descent. Kuchen, of course is German. Get a chorus of Norwegians to build a concession stand and you have the makings of a international success. More about this venture after its test run. We will also be singing a concert at the fair, so we won't be having much time off this vear.

We in South Dakota are exceptionally hot and dry at this writing. Bob Stenberg asked me to do the writing this time, and I am not as aware of the crop situation as he is. But even without consulting, it is my thinking that most farmers are on their knees these days.

Our chorus is planning another trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul, this fall. A riverboat cruise in part of the itinerary this time. We hope to fill a bus again. It a great social time for all who go.

Our faithful corresponding secretary is dealing with some health issues. We are grateful for his able health care providers and prayerful for effective treatment. I expect that you will be hearing from him the next time around as there isn't much that keeps Bob Stenberg from his dedicated service to the Mandskor.

Minnehaha Mandskor for Sept.-Oct.

The Minnehaha Mandskor had a very busy summer. In preparation for our Sioux Empire Fair booth, the membership had to build its own concession stand. President Kirk Preheim took the lead by purchasing two garden shed kits. The chorus volunteers assembled them into one larger building after Kirk's design. It is a thing of wonder and we surely would have received a purple ribbon had we been able to enter it for judging. The chislic (cubes of lamb on a stick and then flash fried) sold great; the kuchen, not as vigorously, but we can certainly use it at our social times after rehearsal. At this writing, the bills are not yet paid in



The Minnehaha Mandskor *chislic* and *kuchen* booth at Sioux Empire Fair.



Kirk Preheim and Jerry Muchow fry chislic.

full, so we can only estimate our profit, but we do know that it was a financially successful venture. Beyond that, these kinds of activities provide a source of camaraderie that has unmeasured value.

In terms of singing, we had two rehearsals in July, to prepare for our concert at the fair. In exchange for our performance, we received free entrance passes for friends and family; a nice bonus. Our picnic/potluck was held before our July 30 rehearsal.

We reconvened September 10, with a lot on our schedule. October 14, we will take part in a Fall Festival of Music at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Lennox, SD. There will be many groups performing in half hour increments. October 20-21, we will have our fall outing to Minneapolis. Planned this year is a 4-hour riverboat cruise which will include our noon meal and lots of fall scenery.

Our evening will be spent at the Old Log Theater seeing their production of "The Perfect Wedding." The next day, we will sing at First Lutheran Church in LeSueur MN, before heading home. October 22, we will sing at Trail Ridge Retirement Community. The annual Festival of Men's Voices has moved from Thanksgiving weekend, to November 4, with a theme of Americana/Patriotic. We will participate again this year.

Our membership suffers some health issues. During the fair alone, two of our members had heart attacks. Roger Amdahl drove himself to the emergency room. He was diagnosed with two blockages which were promptly attended to. A week later, his wife Dene was treated for internal bleeding, which also had a happy

ending, when she was able to return home after several days in the hospital. Jake Van Den Hul suffered a heart attack and came out good, as well. To everyone's amazement both singers were able to sing at our concert at the fair.

Our patriarch member, Robert Stenberg, is still being treated for lymphoma at this writing. Optimism abounds for his complete recovery; in fact the tumor that was causing him much discomfort during Sangerfest has been reduced to scar tissue. Fatigue and an upcoming cataract removal are standing in the way of his attendance at rehearsal and his *SangerHilsen* submissions for now.

As grateful as we are for the continued participation of our faithful members, as we begin our new season of singing, we anticipate attracting some new members. We had three men join us at our first rehearsal and we are anticipating that they might find the Mandskor to be a fit for their musical talents.

Today, as I write, we are experiencing a much needed rain as well as cooler temperatures. The signs of fall are in the air.

As we all reconvene with our respective choruses, let us all have a good season of singing.

Respectfully Submitted,



Terry Walter, for Robert Stenberg, Corresponding Secretary

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

Rehearsals for the new singing season resumed Sept. 10th. We soon made official the results of the election held last spring with Dave Carlson as President; Ken Larson as Vicepresident; Tom Buresh as Recording Secretary; Don Berg as Corresponding Secretary; Dean Hagen as Treasurer; Merlyn Finley and Dean Fisher as Marshals.

Our first concert was Sept. 30th at Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls IA. Our bus was sponsored by Dr. Judisch's sister, and his clan was well represented in the audience.

Next up is a return visit to Richland Center WI for a concert at St. John Lutheran Church, for the Sons of Norway lodge on Oct. 21st.

Then, on Nov. 10th we'll get a jump on the Holiday Season with an appearance at Vesterheim's "Deck the Tables" at the Steyer Opera House; we'll be caroling and getting in the mood for the shopping season, singing from 5 to 6 p.m.

Our last pre-Christmas events are our caroling on Dec. 2nd and concert on Dec. 9th. Both of these will end with parties. The concert has been arranged by Larry Lansgaard, to be held in the Opera House at Elkader, with the party at an area restaurant.

New Accompanist

Jordan Buchholtz was born at Spring Valley MN. Her father farms and works in Rochester; her mother is a Radiation Therapist at Mayo in Rochester. She is of German background, though she has some Norwegian roots too. She has one younger brother.

Jordan graduated from Spring Valley High School, where she was in

Choir, musicals and one-act plays. She also played piano, sax and tuba, as well as volleyball and softball.

She is now a Senior at Luther with a major is music performance. She has sung in Cantorei (a choral group), and played tuba in Varsity Band as a frosh and in orchestra as a sophomore.

Obviously she was recruited by our Director, Dr.Judisch.

Her first impressions of Luren: a good group of people welcoming and with community spirit; an enjoyable

group. We are enjoying her presence and talents, even if only for this one year.



Jordon Buchholtz

New Members

Pastor **Philip Olsen** is actually not a new member; he did belong a few years ago while serving at the Ridgeway parish, but is now serving as an interim pastor in our area.

Dennis Ellingson was born and grew up in Decorah, the oldest of three children. His parents were both of Norwegian stock. He is a DHS and Luther College ('62) grad. During his school he sang in choir all four years and was in band the last two. At Luther he sang only in "Messiah."

Dennis majored in Math and Physics, then went on to grad school at Brown University, bypassing the Masters, but not finishing his doctoral dissertation. He did teach Economics and Statistical Analysis at Holy Cross College. Dennis married his first wife "out East." After raising two sons, they divorced and he returned to Decorah where he remarried (Rebecca) and gained four step-daughters. There are seven grandchildren.

Dennis worked at IBM in Rochester for two years and for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for six. He is retired "for now."



Dennis Ellingson

Dennis has sung in church choirs and community choirs as a First Bass. He had thought of joining our chorus at different times, but Rich Leake formally invited him when they were seated next to each other at a Center Stage Series concert at Luther College.

We still anticipate other prospects to join us.

Our "Best of the West" tour did not materialize, so Larry Lubbert is looking at other possibilities closer to home and for a shorter length of miles

and time (and money). A few men may be going on the PCNSA tour in 2013.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS Chicago IL

Dear Singer Brothers, Greetings!

Sitting here, thinking about the past, from Jan. 2012 to the June 2012 Sangerfest to now, it's almost as if our

BMC world has come to a complete halt. After the summer break our September rehearsals were only so-so. Some of our singers enjoyed a longer vacation, so our attendance was poor. I guess there's always a let-down after a great win. How true!

Roger and Leslie Stavnem started planning for Sangerfest in 2011. With Phil Holmes on board, they started from scratch and produced the wonderful, successful Sangerfest we all enjoyed at Pheasant Run in June.

The fall season has begun as expected. We are having a co-concert with the Chicago Swedish Glee Club on Sunday, Nov. 11th, in Arlington Heights. We know most of the songs except for a couple we are learning, so it should be a great program.

Then it's on to our Christmas season dates. We'll be celebrating the Holidays with our many friends right up to the New Year. We feel very

fortunate to praise the Lord in heaven. God bless!

Leve Sangen,



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD

The Summer has past, yesterday in fact, but not without some gathering and celebration for us. On August 15th, Karel Amend, wife of our president, Bob, hosted a party for family and friends at their home in Hartford SD in recognition of Bob's 75th birthday. Among the 50 in attendance were many of our members. The camaraderic continues.

The Fall has started again with several performance opportunities ahead. Our Monday evening rehearsals have begun, and visitors to Sioux Falls are always welcome to join us at Nordic Hall on 13th St.

Our first performance, currently scheduled, will be on Sunday, November 4, at the "Festival of Men's Voices" concert here in Sioux Falls, being given at the O'Gorman Performing Arts Center. A patriotic theme has been set. Each of the five local men's choruses will sing three individual selections. then collectively, the 100-plus, will close with rather unusual finale arrangement by James Mulholland of "America the Beautiful". As in the past, a good offering is taken up and given to "The Banquet," a local charity.

Its not all "music" for us, however. On Friday, October 19, we will again host our annual LUTEFISK supper. Jobs are being taken up, and ticket sales are underway. Generally, we serve about 500 – 600 appreciative patrons at this event.

It is now with the utmost sadness that I close this article by reporting the untimely and tragic death of one our long-standing members. On Friday, September 14, 2012 Stanley J. (Stan) Hesby Of Volga SD, one of our 2nd tenors, was killed in a train-tractor

collision at an "unprotected" train crossing; ie, one with no "active protective systems" in place.



Stanley Hesby

He was enroute home with two farm wagons full of just-harvested corn. The force of the collision on the tractor ejected him from the tractor cab. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating the accident. A farmer his whole life, and a community leader, Stan leaves behind his wife, Marilyn, a son, Keith, a daughter, Kristin, and a multitude of related-family members. The latter evidenced by the fifty of them attending his funeral service. It was held at the First Lutheran Church in Volga on Wednesday, September 19. Our Glee Club, as well, was fully in attendance among the 300 paying their respects.

Two close personal friends of Stan's, Ray Hope and Sherwin Linton, offered very moving musical tributes and remembrances of him. Stan was a dominating figure in any setting, both by his tall stature and his jovial demeanor. His family characterized

him as being gifted with a big heart and love of all people. We shall deeply miss our dear friend.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Secy.

MINUTES for NSAA BOARD MEETING September 29, 2012

The Board of Directors meeting was held on Saturday, September 29, 2012, in the boardroom at the Hotel Winneshiek, Decorah, Iowa. President Herb Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. The agenda was prepared by Richard Leake and sent out earlier by Herb Nelson. Agenda accepted as distributed.

(1). Roll call of officers by the Recording Secretary

The following were present: Herb Nelson (President), Don Berg (Corresponding Secretary), Richard Leake (Recording Secretary), Francis Peterson (Treasurer), David Judisch (Director-in-Chief), Chuck Slostad (Assistant Director), James Slostad (Grand Marshal), Roger Stavnem (Past President). Absent: Thor Fjell (VPat large), Frank Potempa (Asst.Gr. Mrshl).

(2). Action on the minutes of previous business meetings

No additions or corrections to minutes of the NSAA Biennial Meeting in St. Charles, IL, June 16, 2012, which had been previously submitted and published in the July-August 2012 issue of *Sanger-Hilsen*. Minutes approved as published.

(3). Director-in-Chief report

Great Sangerfest in 2012!! Dr. Judisch stated they will attempt to start earlier to get the music repertoire out to choruses, especially any new pieces. It has been decided that it is best not to march in as a group for the Grand Concert especially since the picture is taken prior to the concert.

(4). President's report

President Nelson thanked all for attending, and special thanks to Francis Peterson for making arrangements. Ideas and suggestions have been sent by members and will be discussed later in the meeting. Nothing else to report other than to say that plans are under way for Sangerfest 2014.

(5). Vice-Presidents' reports

Report sent by Thor Fjell concerning the PCNSA trip; will be discussed later in meeting.

(6). Corresponding Secretary's report Don Berg reported that new correspondence is coming in for the next *Sanger-Hilsen*.

(7). Committee and Web-Site reports
Rich Leake reported that the website
continues to show high traffic, particularly
around Sangerfest time and for
translations. The By-Laws, updated in
2010 and recently recorded South Dakota,
will be posted on website.

(8). Treasurer's report

Financial report given by Treasurer Francis Peterson. An current balance of \$11,315.15 was noted in the NSAA general checking account, \$1,029.96 in the savings account and \$14,855.35 in the two CD accounts. The combined assets as of this date are \$26,170.50. A brief discussion ensued on how these reported figures compare to previous years. The report was received and accepted.

(9). Sanger-Hilsen Editor's report Don Berg gave a report on Sanger-Hilsen. A Statement of Ownership was recently filed. Contributions for Christmas ads will continue to be solicited as in the past, hopefully to be paid by end of November.

Extra copies of current editions are available through the Corresponding Secretary upon request.

(10). Unfinished business

(a). PCNSA Norway tour 2013 Thor Fjell sent an update on the PCNSA

2013 Norway tour including itinerary. Persons interested in this tour should contact PCNSA or Thor Fjell for details. The dates are from 6/30/13 – 7/13/13. A proposed extension of the tour leaving 6/26/13 appears doubtful.

(b). Returned medals

The Board reviewed the action taken at the Biennial Meeting and affirmed the decision to make the return of medals voluntary.

(c). Recognition of attendance at more than 20 Sangerfests

Suggestions have been made to formally recognize individuals who have attended more than 20 Sangerfests. Currently NSAA recognizes these individuals via pictures in *Sanger-Hilson*. President Nelson will also verbally recognize these individuals at the next Sangerfest banquet. It was moved and seconded to form a committee appointed by President Nelson to make a recommendation by 2013 Board meeting on what would be meaningful to those with 25 and 30 Sangerfests. Motion passed.

(11). New business

(a). Sangerfest 2012 review

The Board with the help of Past President Roger Stavnem reviewed the 2012 Sangerfest held in St. Charles, IL at Pheasant Run. Sangerfest 2012 was considered a success by the Board. Overall the arrangements went very smoothly and were appreciated by the Board members present. Past President Stavnem reported that Bjornsen lost money in running Sangerfest 2012 while making efforts to keep costs low for NSAA members. It may be necessary to receive grants and gifts to make money as had been done in Madison. Nevertheless it was a wonderful experience.

(b). Electronic Sanger-Hilsen

Discussion focused on publishing Sanger-Hilsen electronically and posting it on the website, or sending Sanger-Hilsen via email thereby reducing publication costs and saving postage. No action taken. Members currently receive paper copies as well as other individuals and groups; the directory serves several very useful functions. Recently interest has been expressed by website visitors to have electronic access to old editions of Sanger-Hilsen. Archived copies are with the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Olaf,

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(c). Future Sangerfest locations

2014 -- Minneapolis, 2016 - Sioux Falls ????? 2018 – Decorah (150th)

(d). Sangerfest ideas/suggestions

- *Concern expressed about cost of attending Sangerfest.
- *Suggestion made to include a city/Scandinavian tour available to chorus members as well as spouses.
- *Encouraged finding increased ways for individual chorus and groups to participate in afterglows.
- *Discussion of music selections at Sangerfest.
- *Seating at banquets and afterglows should be a mix of different choruses at each table.
- *Encourage guests from Scandinavian countries to participate.
- *Feature individual choruses/groups at the Grand Concert.
- *Discussed number of songs at the Parade of Choruses.
- *Discussed including other groups in Sangerfest activities.
- *Discussion about schedule of Sangerfest activities.

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Of special note: several choruses are celebrating long periods of participating in NSAA and Sangerfests within the next several years. Congratulations to all!! It is important to include names of those pictured in photos taken at these events. Several tours are also being planned that may help draw interest and encourage the

formation of new choruses in different locations.

(12). Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned by consensus at 2:15 p.m.
Respectively submitted,
Richard Leake, NSAA Recording
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