

Alaska State Grange Meeting

May 1, 2010

North Pole Grange

Grange members from Palmer, Two Rivers, North Pole, Fairbanks and Greater Anchorage Granges gathered at the North Star Grange Hall. We enjoyed the lunch provided by the North Pole Grange. State Master, Gaye Hunt, opened the meeting in the fourth degree at 1 p.m.

Introduction of Visitors

Jeff Werner, State of Alaska Future Farmers of America Advisor, presented a certificate of appreciation for the Alaska State Grange support of the State FFA convention held in Palmer April 22-24, 2010.

Jimmy Gentry, National Grange Vice President and his wife, Anita, from North Carolina, were introduced.

Doug Isaacson, Mayor of North Pole, welcomed Grange members to North Pole.

Lecturer's Program/ Recess

We had a 10 minute recess for a get-to-know each other activity.

Roll Call of Officers:

Master, Gaye Hunt
Overseer, Connie McKee
Lecturer, Don McKee, protem
Steward, Dee Roberts, protem
Assistant Steward, Dee Roberts, protem
Lady Assistant Steward, Ann Roberts, protem
Chaplain, Danelle Kirschner, protem
Treasurer, David McKee, absent
Secretary, Lori Restad
Gatekeeper, Brad Sworts
Flora, unfilled
Ceres, Kate Poirrier, protem
Pomona, Sandra Giddings, protem
Executive Committee:
 John Poirrier- 3 yr.
 Sig Restad - 2 yr.
 David Mathews - 1 yr., absent

Roll Call of Delegates:

Northland Pioneer #1, Brad Sworts, Sig Restad
Two Rivers #3, Connie McKee, Ann Roberts
North Pole #6, John and Kate Poirrier
North Star #10, Danelle Kirschner, Alice McKee
Greater Anchorage #11, Gaye Hunt
Slikok Creek #12, none
Homer #13, none

Other Grange Members Present:

Other Grange members present included Ashton Poirrier and Nancy Graff of North Pole Grange.

2009 Minutes:

The minutes of the 2009 Alaska State Grange meeting and the October 5, 2009 Executive Committee meeting were read and approved.

Grange Growth Summit Report

A Grange Growth Summit was held in Palmer March 12-14, 2010. Rusty Hunt, Membership Director of the National Grange and Randy and Linda Price of the California Grange conducted the meetings, aimed at revitalization of Alaska Granges. Members of the Palmer, Anchorage and Kenai Granges attended. Several members of the Alaska Farm Bureau also attended.

Tanana Valley Fair

Nancy Graff, a member of North Pole Grange, said that help was needed for the 4-H petting zoo. Any Grange members that are interested in helping should call Nancy at 488-9279.

Anita Gentry

Anita spoke about Grange ritual, describing the first 5 degrees.

Jimmy Gentry

Jimmy updated us on the trademark protection effort by the National Grange. They have decided not to pursue legislation to protect the Grange name at this time, but have continuing trademark infringement issues to address. The National Grange is still in need of financial support from State and local granges for this effort.

Ritual and Degrees

Gaye Hunt read her paper on ritual and degrees. Plans are being made to offer the 5th and 6th degree at the Palmer Senior Center, August 28, 2010. National President, Ed Luttrell is planning to attend as part of the Master's Tour.

Greetings from President Ed Luttrell

A DVD greeting was played. He encouraged members to check the website to review new member benefits.

Reports of Subordinate Granges:

Reports from #1, #6, #10 and #11 were read and are attached. Gaye Hunt briefly described events in Slikok Creek #12 and Homer #13.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance 5/2/2009 \$3730.22

INCOME

| | | |
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| Dues from: | Northland Pioneer #1 | \$549.00 |
| | Two Rivers #3 | \$421.50 |
| | North Pole #6 | \$292.50 |
| | North Star #10 | \$229.50 |
| | Greater Anchorage #11 | \$261.50 |
| | Slikok Creek #12 | <u>\$268.00</u> |
| | Total Dues received | \$2022.00 |

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| Web fees from: | Northland Pioneer #1 | \$25.00 |
| | Two Rivers #3 | \$25.00 |
| | North Pole #6 | \$25.00 |
| | Greater Anchorage #11 | <u>\$25.00</u> |
| | Total web fees received | \$100.00 |

Donation from Sig Restad \$100.00

Start up dues received \$496.00

TOTAL INCOME \$2718.00

EXPENSES

Dues paid to National \$1087.50

National Trademark Fund \$300.00

National Grange 2012 Convention \$103.00

Charter and postage \$29.80

Web fees \$200.00

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| Dues return to new Granges | | |
| | Slikok Creek #12 | \$263.00 |
| | Homer #13 | \$355.00 |

Treasurer expenses \$22.50

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2360.80

Ending Balance 5/1/2010 \$4646.94

Fraternally submitted,
David McKee, Treasurer

Treasurer Report Comments

Gaye Hunt noted that she had not yet been reimbursed for \$1000 in expenses from the 2008 trip to the Kenai Peninsula to help establish Granges there.

Recess

While we took a recess, the following people signed up to take the 5th and 6th degrees and paid a \$6 application fee: John Poirrier, Brad Sworts, Lori Restad, Sig Restad, Dee Roberts, Ann Roberts, Danelle Kirschner.

NEW BUSINESS

Dues:

Gaye Hunt asked for a motion to clarify the dues structure for state dues. Confusion has resulted from the multiple copies of bylaws in circulation. Alice McKee asked about the possibility of holding a special meeting in August to address the dues issue. Brad Sworts made a motion to change the dues section of the bylaws to use the wording in the bylaws with recommended changes that he and Sig Restad proposed before the State Meeting. Ann Roberts seconded this motion. After discussion, Brad withdrew his original motion and made a new motion to accept the proposed bylaws that had been distributed to each subordinate Grange President as the official 2010 version. Ann seconded the new motion. Sig called the question. The motion passed.

2011 State Meeting:

Gaye said that in order to avoid having a meeting on Mother's Day the 2011 meeting should be scheduled for May 14, 2011. She has spoken tentatively to Carrol Martin about the meeting being held at the Diamond M Ranch in Soldotna. Brad Sworts moved to contact the Slikok Creek Grange #12 about hosting the State Meeting, and if they do not wish to host the meeting, it would be held in Palmer. Danelle Kirschner seconded it and the motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Gaye brought a list of people willing to be nominated for offices in the State Grange. The following is a list of the 2010- 2012 officers after voting was completed.

| | | | | Office | Grange |
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| John | Poirrier | 322-0623 | john@alaskagrango.org | Master (President) | North Pole |
| Brad | Sworts | 746-4900 | lori-brad@gci.net | Overseer (Vice President) | Palmer |
| Norman | Brown | | | Lecturer (Program Director) | Anchorage |
| Dee | Roberts | 479-3195 | herbs@gci.net | Steward | Two Rivers |
| Leon | LaSalle | 488-6534 | | Assistant Steward | North Pole |
| Ann | Roberts | 479-2440 451-8721 479-6375 | herbs@gci.net | Lady Assistant Steward | Two Rivers |
| Danelle | Kirschner | 328-3925 | kirschnd@denalifcu.com | Chaplain | Fairbanks |
| Gaye | Hunt | 345-5527 | gvhunt@gci.net | Treasurer | Anchorage |
| Nancy | Graff | 488-9279 | graff@acsalaska.net | Secretary | North Pole |
| Don | McKee | 455-7016 | amckee@alaska.net | Gatekeeper (Greeter) | Two Rivers |
| Sandra | Giddings | 488-2127 | sgiddings@alaska.com | Ceres | North Pole |
| Alice | McKee | 455-7016 | amckee@alaska.net | Pomona | Two Rivers |

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| Wendy | Beverstock | 488-9822 | wendellb@acsalaska.net | Flora | Two Rivers |
| | | | | Executive Committee | |
| John | Poirrier | 322-0623 | john@alaskagrango.org | Chair | North Pole |
| Norman | Brown | | | Lecturer | Anchorage |
| Gaye | Hunt | 345-5527 | gvhunt@gci.net | Treasurer | Anchorage |
| Leon | LaSalle | 488-6534 | | Member through 2013 | North Pole |
| Sig | Restad | 745-3165 | | Member through 2011 | Palmer |
| Michael | Kennedy | | | Member through 2012 | Homer |

State President Stipend for National Convention:

Sig Restad moved to allocate \$400 for the State President's stipend for the National Convention in North Carolina in November. Dee Roberts seconded the motion and it carried.

Connie McKee moved to make a \$300 contribution to the trademark protection fund as Alaska's delegate gift at the National Grange Convention. John Poirrier seconded the motion and it carried.

Resolutions:

Sig Restad submitted a resolution sponsored by Northland Pioneer Grange, Resolution 2010-01, supporting the Alaska Certified Potato Seed Program. John Poirrier moved to adopt the resolution. Dee Roberts seconded the motion. After discussion, the resolution was adopted. A copy of it is attached.

Members Sick or in Distress:

Sig Restad suggested that one of Palmer's Gold Sheaf members, Wanda Marrs, could use a card of encouragement and appreciation.

For the Good of the Order:

Connie McKee suggested starting the State meeting earlier in the day with a lunch break in the middle of the meeting so that people who have a long drive home could get back earlier in the day.

Installation of Officers:

Jimmy Gentry administered the installation of new officers.

Closing:

The annual Alaska State Grange Meeting closed in the fourth degree at 7 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

Lori Restad
Secretary