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Minutes of Meetings of  
Anna Lodge #56  
1943

Officers of Anna Lodge No 56 - 1943

|                     |       |                      |
|---------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Deputy              | _____ | Elsie Hinley         |
| Past President      | _____ | Dora Auston          |
| President           | _____ | Julia Carlson        |
| Vice President      | _____ | Dorothy Peterson     |
| Recording Secretary | _____ | Ruth Nelson          |
| Financial Secretary | _____ | Karen Clauson        |
| Treasurer           | _____ | Lillian Wagner       |
| Orator              | _____ | Mary Olson           |
| Marshall            | _____ | Betty Strandberg     |
| Asst Marshall       | _____ | Martha Biarneson     |
| Outer Sward         | _____ | Margaret Koy         |
| Inner Sward         | _____ | Anna Strandberg      |
| Trustees            | 1st   | _____ Anna Anderson  |
|                     | 2nd   | _____ Ethel Romare   |
|                     | 3rd   | _____ Olive Lindholm |

Finance Committee

Chairman - Jane Iversen  
Selma Asp  
Anna Hallberg

Delegate to Grand  
Lodge

Julia Carlson

Alternate Delegate

Martha Biarneson

| Officers      | Attendance            | 1943 | 5   | 19  | 2 | 16 |
|---------------|-----------------------|------|-----|-----|---|----|
|               |                       |      | Jan | Feb |   |    |
| Deputy        | Elcie Kinley          |      | ✓   |     |   |    |
| Past Pres     | Julia Carlson         |      |     | ✓   | ✓ |    |
| President     | Aura Auston           |      |     |     |   |    |
| Vice Pres     | Rosaly Peterson       |      |     |     |   |    |
| Rec. Secy     | Leonora Johnson       |      | ✓   |     | ✓ |    |
| Fin. Secy     | Karen Clauson         |      |     |     |   |    |
| Treasurer     | Betty Jane Strandberg |      |     |     |   |    |
| Orator        | Jane Guerson          |      | ✓   |     |   |    |
| Marshal       | Elcie Marberg         |      | ✓   |     | ✓ |    |
| Asst. Marshal | La Verne Carlson      |      | ✓   |     | ✓ |    |
| Inter Guard   | Anna Strandberg       |      |     |     |   |    |
| Inner Guard   | Marie Kamilton        |      | ✓   |     | ✓ |    |
| 1st Trustee   | Alice Mogen Chr.      |      | ✓   |     | ✓ |    |
| 2nd Trustee   | Anna Ekberg           |      | ✓   |     | ✓ |    |
| 3rd Trustee   | Olive Lindholm        |      | ✓   |     | ✓ |    |
| Auditing Com. | Lillian Wagner Chr.   |      |     |     |   |    |
|               | Lulu Long             |      | ✓   |     | ✓ |    |
|               | Anna Kallberg         |      | ✓   |     | ✓ |    |



Review of 1942

Anna Lodge #56

January sixth - Our installation of officers was performed by Grand President Sister Rusboldt and Grand Vice President Sister Anna Johnson.

Sister Myrtle Ahern was with us for the first time since her very serious accident.

Our raffle books netted us \$35.00

Meeting of January twentieth was presided over by our new President Sister Dora Nelson.

On February 28 we had a luncheon and buns at the Home Arts Guild. We had a small crowd but made a profit of \$11.11

A group of 22 of our sisters and their friends made a tour of the Suite Furniture Co on March fifth. We were given a chest of silverware.

On March tenth our sister Hazel Lindberg became the mother of a baby boy.

We celebrated our fourth birthday on May 19 and had quite a few visitors. Two of our sisters, our Pres-

ident Dora Nelson and our Orator  
Jane Ellison were brides this month.

Our Marshall Elsie Marberg moved  
temporarily to Baltimore and we  
decided to hold her office open  
until she returns.

On July 7 Sister Elsie Kenley was  
installed as Deputy to succeed  
Sister Mary Olson.

October 20 Our President Dora Austro  
resigned her office due to the fact  
that she will become a mother  
and Our Past President Julia Carlson  
will hold the office the balance  
of the year.

On November 17 we gave a luncheon  
and had a very nice crowd

December 1st we had our election  
of officers for the coming year  
and Our Past President Sister Julia  
Carlson has been selected President

Ruth Nelson  
Acting Secretary

minutes of meeting of Anna Lodge No. 56 I. O. O. U.

January 5 194.

Meeting was opened at 8.45 by our acting President Julia Carlson.

Absent officers were Deputy, Recording Secy, Orator, Marshall, Asst Marshall, Dinner Guar three Trustees and two of Auditing Committee.

President Julia Carlson welcomed members.

Secretary's report read & approved.

Treasurer's report read & approved.

Report of our Auditing Meeting which was held at Sister Karen Clauson's home on Dec. 2. Financial Secretary's report read & approved. Report of Chairman of Auditing committee read & approved.

Sister Ruth Nelson reported she wrote the Nils Lindskoog Insurance Co., renewing the bonds for our Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Bills were presented from the Supreme Lodge, a, Wall, Florist and Broge Club.

We received two Christmas cards, one from the Markar Trading Co., and a very lovely one from Sister Elsie Markery in Baltimore.

We also received a card from Mrs. Edw. Wandue thanking the Lodge for the floral offering.

Sister Ethel Romare was elected by a Sec-

January 5 194.

retary's vote as 2nd trustee, which brings our election of officers one step nearer to a close.

We sang happy birthday for sister Ethel Romare who donated a cake and for sister Elsie Marberg who sent a cake with sister Anna Strandberg. It was suggested we send sister Marberg a birthday greeting.

membership drawing was won by sister Marsha Barneson who was not present.

a beautiful coffee pot was donated to the lodge by our sister Dora Auston.

Financial Secy's report as follows

| Receipts       |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Dues collected | \$ 4.50        |
| Assessments    | 2.25           |
| Total          | <u>\$ 6.75</u> |

Recording Secy's report

| Disbursements |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Rent          | \$30.00        |
| Floral Spray  | 3.00           |
| Supreme Lodge | 36.80          |
| Total         | <u>\$69.80</u> |

Meeting was closed at 9.20

Presiding Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge No. 56 I.O.L.U.  
January 19 1943

no meeting.

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge No 56 IOLO

February 2 1943

Meeting was opened at 8:45 with the officers march.

Our Presiding President Julia Carlson welcomed members and our visitors Sister Anna Backlund, Sister Ellison of Thelma and Sister Aldine.

Absent officers were President, Recording Secy., Marshall, Asst Marshall, Inner Guard, two trustees and three of the auditing committee.

Secretary's report read + approved

Financial Sec'y's report read + approved

A bill of \$3.50 was presented from the Nile Lindskoog Insurance Co for premium on our bond.

We discussed the purchase of new letter heads and Sister Anna Backlund offered to get the address of a printer for us.

We will have our installation of officers our next meeting. Sisters Olive Lindholm, Anna Anderson, Ruth Nelson & Elsie Kinley offered to donate refreshments

Members of Anna Lodge received an invitation to Thelma's Installation being held tomorrow night, February 3.

Sister Julia Carlson was nominated and

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elected our delegate to the Grand Lodge.

Happy Birthday was sung for Sister Ruth Nelson.

Membership drawing was won by Sister Julia Carlson who insisted we draw another. Sister Anna Ekberg's name was picked but she was not present.

Each of our visitors spoke a few words for us.

|                          |               |          |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Financial Sec'y's report |               |          |
| Receipts                 | Dues          | \$ 3.00  |
|                          | Assessments   | 6.80     |
|                          | Swedish paper | .30      |
|                          | Total         | \$ 20.10 |

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Recording Sec'y's report |         |
| Disbursements            |         |
| Nils Lindskoog           | \$ 3.50 |
| Ins. Co.                 |         |

meeting closed in due form at 9:30

Presiding Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of meeting of Anna Lodge No. 56 I.O.L.U

February 16 1954

Meeting opened at 8:45 with the officers march.

Absent officers were President, Recording Secretary, Orator, Marshall, Asst. Marshall, Inner Guard, two Trustees and two of the Auditing Committee

This being our installation we had quite a few visitors - namely, our Grand President, Sister Johnson, Grand Orator Sister Aldine, our Organizer Sister Anne Backlund, Grand Treasurer Sister Johnson, Sisters Jacobson and Carlson of the Law Committee, the President of Thelma Lodge, Sister Pearson and Sisters Carlson and Fernquist of Thelma Lodge.

Recording Secretary's report read & approved  
Treasurer's report read & approved.

We received a letter from the Swedish Committee for Russian War Relief enclosing ten tickets for a Benefit Rally to be held Sunday March 14 at Viking Temple. Several of the sisters were interested so it was decided to hold the tickets until the next meeting.

We are planning a luncheon to be given the first meeting in April.

Our Past President Dora Auston became the

February 16 194.

mother of a baby boy. Sister Julia Carlson said she and some of the other sisters would pay her a visit later in the month.

The yearly reports of our Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved.

The installation was conducted by our Grand President Sister Johnson and Grand Orator Sister Aldine. Sister Johnson congratulated the new officers and each of our visitors spoke offering encouragement and best wishes to our organization.

Sister Martha Piarneson presented to Pres. Julia Carlson the gift from the sisters of Anna Lodge.

Membership drawing was won by Sister Alyce Mogen who was not present.

We raffled two boxes of cookies which were won by Sister Johnson and Sister Aldine, a bath towel by Sister Lindholm, a pair of pillow cases by Sister Jacobson, handkerchiefs by <sup>Miss</sup> Dorothy Peterson and a glass serving tray by Sister Hennquist. This netted us \$5.00

February 16 1944

## Financial Secretary's report

| Receipts                    |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Dues collected              | \$ 2.50         |
| assessments                 | 1.25            |
| Interest on Bank<br>account | 5.70            |
|                             | 5.00            |
| Raffle                      | <u>\$ 14.45</u> |

## Disbursements

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bal. on cake                    | \$ 1.00         |
| Gifts to Installing<br>officers | 5.00            |
| Flowers                         | 1.53            |
| Officers Salaries               | 12.50           |
|                                 | <u>\$ 20.03</u> |

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge No 56 I O O U  
March 2 1943

Meeting opened at 9:00

Absent officers were Past President  
Orator, Marshall, Outer Sward, Trustee  
and Chairman of Auditing Committee

Recording Secretary's report read and  
approved.

We received an invitation from Nora  
Lodge to attend their anniversary party  
on Thursday March 11. Remembering  
the good time we had last year  
several of the sisters decided to go.

We returned five of the tickets which  
for the Russian War Relief Benefit and  
the Lodge accepted five which were  
to be given to any of the sisters who  
were interested in going.

We discussed our Buncos to be held  
the first meeting in April and will  
make the final arrangements at our  
next meeting.

Sister Selma Asp was elected to the  
Auditing Committee and she and  
Sister Ethel Romare will be installed  
at our next meeting.

March 2 1943

Financial Secretary's report

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Receipts       |          |
| Dues collected | \$ 13.00 |
| Assessments    | 6.50     |
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|                | \$19.50  |

Disbursements  
none

Meeting closed at 9:15

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Financial Secretary's report for March 16

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Receipts       |          |
| Dues collected | \$ 16.50 |
| assessments    | 8.15     |
|                | <hr/>    |
|                | \$24.65  |

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|------------------------------|---------|
| Recording Secretary's report |         |
| Disbursements                | \$ .50  |
| Membership Drawing           |         |
| 5 Russian War Relief Tickets | 2.75    |
|                              | <hr/>   |
|                              | \$ 3.25 |

Audited Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> 1943  
Chairman

Selma Asp.  
Anna Anderson  
Ethel Romare  
Julia Carlson - Pres.

Minutes of Meeting of Unna Lodge No. 56  
I.O.O.F. March 16 1945

Meeting opened at 8:40 President Julia Carlson welcomed members and conducted an informal meeting.

Absent officers were Deputy, Past President, Assistant Marshall, Outer Guard, Inner Guard, One of the Trustees and the Chairman of the Auditing Committee.

The Recording Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

President Julia Carlson made a report of Nora's Anniversary Party of Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> which she and several other sisters attended. It was a very nice affair and they all enjoyed it.

We will have our Bunco party next meeting April sixth. It was suggested the Birthday sisters bring sandwiches and Sister Mary Olson offered to get the cake for us. We will send cards to our absent members asking them to come and bring a guest.

We received two complimentary tickets for the Swedish Singing Club for March the 24<sup>th</sup>. They are having a showing of Swedish films which can be used for fund raising affairs in Swedish Lodges. Sisters Selma Aspa

Anna Anderson offered to go and make a report to the lodge.

President Julia Carlson reported that our sister La Verne Carlson has been very ill and it was suggested we send her a card enclosing <sup>a note</sup> of good wishes.

President Julia Carlson installed sister Ethel Romare as Trustee and sister Selma Aep to the Auditing Committee

Since we didn't have a membership drawing our last meeting, we had two this evening. The first name drawn was sister Marie Hamilton who was not present and second, sister Mary Olson who will be credited with fifty cents.

Our coffee march took in \$1.80

We will have our Auditing meeting after the meeting.

Financial Secretary's report

Receipts

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Dues collected | \$16.50 |
| Assessments    | 8.15    |
| Total          | \$24.65 |

Audited March 16 1943 see minutes of 2 1943

Recording Secretary's report

Disbursements

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| tickets for Russian war Relief | \$2.75 |
| membership drawing             | .50    |
| Total                          | \$3.25 |

Meeting closed at 9:10

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

April 6, 1943

No meeting Buned party

Financial Secretary's report

Receipts

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Dues collected | \$4.50  |
| Assessments    | 2.25    |
| Buned          | 9.00    |
| Raffle         | 6.60    |
| Penny Raffle   | 2.25    |
|                | <hr/>   |
|                | \$24.60 |

Recording Secretary's report

Disbursements

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Rent          | \$30.00 |
| Quarterly Tax |         |
| Supreme Lodge | 26.35   |
|               | <hr/>   |
|               | \$56.35 |

Meeting of Anna Lodge #56 - April 20, 1943

Informal meeting opened at 8:50 P.M. Sister Julia Carlson, President extending a special welcome to long absent Sister Dora Nelson. *Austin*

Absent officers, Rec. Sec., and 1st and 3rd trustee and all of the auditing committee.

Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's report, read and approved.

Audit Report as of March 16th, read and approved:

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash on Hand - Jan 5, 1943 - | \$628.40        |
| Income past 3 months         | 85.45           |
|                              | <u>\$713.85</u> |
| Disbursement 3 months.....   | 96.58           |
| Balance on hand.....         | <u>\$617.27</u> |

Sister Carlson advised that she and Sisters, Anna Strandberg, Peterson and Biarnesen had paid a visit to Sister Dora Austin, the past week, and advised that they were all very much impressed by Sister Austing's lovely baby. (He was darling)

Sister Austintook this occasion to thank the sisters for their gift of comfortor and pillow and it seems that it was a timely as well as a lovely gift.

No old business to discuss, and we therefore went into the new business of entertaining and refreshments for our 5th anniversary to be held, May 18th. Some of the sisters volunteered to do a Flora-Dora dance, namely Sisters Hinley and Wagner. The subject of refreshments to be carried over to our next meeting when the birthday bank is to be opened and reports on available refreshments will also be in.

A motion was made and carried that we donate \$5.00 to the American Red Cross.

A motion was made and carried that we drop Sister Hazel Lindberg from our books, in as much as we have been unable to persuade her to keep up dues or attendance. *also Emma Engstrom*

Meeting closed at 9:35 P.M.

Receipts:

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Dues.....  | \$8.50         |
| Assess.... | 4.25           |
|            | <u>\$12.75</u> |

Disbursements:

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Red Cross..... | \$5.00 |
|----------------|--------|

Coffee March. \$1.71.

Martha Biarnesen  
Acting Sec.

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge No 56  
May 4 1943

Meeting opened at 8:45.

Absent officers were Past President, Marshall, Inner Guard, two of the Trustees and two of the Auditing Com.

Minutes read and approved.

We discussed our plans for our fifth birthday anniversary party which we will hold at our next meeting, Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Sister Mary Olson, our orator, reported that she would not be able to be there. It is our custom to open our birthday bank and use the contents for refreshments. It contained \$8.60. Sister Anna Anderson donated \$1.00 more for her birthday which was in April.

We decided to use the \$1.25 coffee march towards a gift to be used for our raffle.

This month we celebrate the birthday of sisters Karen Clauon and Dorothy Peterson.

We received a letter from the Swedish Societies Old People's Home Association asking our support to their annual Midsummer Outing

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to be held on July 19, 1943. As no tickets were enclosed we decided to wait further information.

The American National Red Cross sent acknowledgement of our donation of \$5 to them.

A bill was presented by Sister Julie Carlson of \$1.50 for a gift of a pillow and comfortor for the new baby of our Past President, Sister Dora Auston.

Sister Anna Hallberg was elected to fill the one remaining vacancy in our Auditing committee. She was installed by our President Julie Carlson.

Our membership drawing was won by Sister Myrtle Ahern who was not present.

### Receipts

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Dues collected | \$9.50  |
| Assessments    | 4.75    |
| Total          | \$14.25 |

### Disbursements

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Gift for Sister Dora Auston's baby | \$1.50 |
|------------------------------------|--------|

Meeting closed at 10 o'clock

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge No 56 IOFV  
May 18 1943

Meeting opened at 8:30 with the officers march.

Absent officers were Orator + Outer Guard

Sister Julia Carlson welcomed members and guests for the evening. The visitors from the Grand Lodge were

Chairman - Sister Anne Johnson  
Vice Chairman - Sister Anna Blamberg  
Treasurer - Sister Hulda Johnson  
Orator - Sister Beda Aldene  
Marshell - Sister Dagny Swanson  
Chairman of  
Auditing Com. - Sister Clara Johnson  
Chairman of  
Law Committee - Sister Eva Jacobson

She also welcomed Sister Swanson + Sister Anna Backlund, both of the Supreme Lodge. Among the other guests were Sister Bergstrom - chairman of

Sister Pearson - chairman of Valkyria of Thelma

Sister Hokanson - chairman of Valberg

Sister Chesney - Vice Chairman of Nora

A special welcome was given to our sisters, Jane Iversen, La Verne Carlson and Eleanor Johnson all of whom we haven't seen for a while. Glad to see you back with us again.

# 2 May 18 1943

Recording Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurer's report read & approved.

Receipts \$ 9.50

4.75

\$14.25

\$606.02 Cash on hand

Sister Betty Jane Strandberg told us of her visit to Baltimore to see her sister and ours, Elsie Marberg. She had a lovely time and enjoyed her trip very much. She told us of seeing Sister Hazel Ruscholdt who expressed her wishes to be with us on our anniversary but was unable to be here. She is expected to arrive in Chicago on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Sister Strandberg announced her coming marriage and told us she was going to Corpus Christi, Texas to live. Good luck, Betty Jane, we wish you all the happiness in the world.

Our correspondence consisted of a birthday card from Valkyria which we thought was a very nice gesture, a receipt from the American Red Cross for the donation we made them and an affidavit for the delegates for the convention.

We decided to have a bunco party in June and shall discuss plans for it at next meeting.

#5 May 10 1175  
Our Supreme President, Sister Johnson, offered her best wishes to Anna Lodge and thanked us for the bouquet of flowers which we presented to her. She said she had heard from Sister Rusboldt and that she would surely be in Chicago for the convention.

Supreme Vice President, Sister Blomberg wished us a happy birthday and good luck. She brought us "best wishes" from sister Agnes Peterson who was sorry she couldn't be with us tonight.

It was the first time that Sister Swanson and Sister Johnson had visited us and they both offered congratulations and said they enjoyed our meeting very much.

Sisters Backlund and Sister Swanson from Past Grand Chairmans Club, were happy to congratulate us on our birthday. Sister Backlund hadn't intended coming up this evening but said she just couldn't stay away.

Sister Pearson of Thelma wished us Good Luck and invited us to Thelmas luncheon which is to be one week from today.

the Vice President of Nora, <sup>Sister Chesney,</sup> wished us "all the

success in the world" and extended an invitation, to Anna Lodge, to attend Nora's luncheon to be held on May 27th.

Sister Carlson of Brage arrived late, due to the fact that Brage also had their meeting. She made a lovely speech in which she, too, wished us luck and happiness.

We enjoyed all the speeches of our guests and hope to see them all again soon.

~~We were entertained~~

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|----------|-------------|---------|
| Receipts | Dues        | \$ 5.50 |
|          | Assessments | 2.75    |

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| gift to lodge from Sister Johnson | \$ 8.25      |
| raffle                            | 1.00         |
| Disbursements                     | 8.15         |
|                                   | <u>17.40</u> |

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Gift to girls for entertainments     | 4.00           |
| Balance to Julia Carlson for flowers | 1.78           |
| Gift to Mrs. Carlson                 | 1.00           |
|                                      | <u>\$ 6.78</u> |

Balances of \$10.62

Meeting closed in due form at 9:45  
Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

We were then entertained by <sup>our</sup> accordionist Alvena and a singer, Harriet. Refreshments

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge No 56  
June 1, 1943

Meeting opened at 8:30

Absent officers were Marshall, Outer Guard, Inner Guard, the three Trustees and all of the Auditing Committee.

Recording Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

President Julia Carleon gave her thanks to all the sisters who donated refreshments and also ration points for food for our anniversary party.

It was decided to drop Sister Myrtle Chern's name from our books since her dues are unpaid and we receive no word from her. Our financial secretary will write again to Sister Alys Magner regarding her dues. Sister Dora Austin said she would write to Sister Marie Hamilton who is visiting with her husband in Texas, regarding her dues.

Since we have recently dropped several names from our books our membership has dropped to 28. Therefore our

sisters are urged to try to bring in new members. Sister Elsie Healy has several in mind and has asked them to our bunco to become acquainted.

It being necessary to have an alternate delegate for the Convention, Sister Martha Piarneson was chosen. The banquet and installation are open to the public so some of the sisters plan to try to attend.

An itemized bill of \$1.72 for cards, postage, etc. was presented by recording secretary, Ruth Nelson.

We received 5 books of tickets from the Swedish National Society of Chicago. The lodge bought one book, President Julia Carlson and Sister Ruth Nelson each sold one. We will return the other two.

The tickets which we received from the Swedish Societies Old People's Home Ass'n for their outing to be held on July 19 we will sell among the members after the meeting.

Sister Julia Carlson gave a report of Thelma's Luncheon which she said was a very nice affair.

We will have a bunco next meeting and plan to serve cake and coffee.

June 1 1943

Tonight we sang Happy Birthday for Sister Martha Bearnson. We had coffee and a very good chocolate cake.

## Receipts

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|----------------|---------|
| dues collected | \$ 3.50 |
| assessments    | 1.75    |
| Total          | \$5.25  |

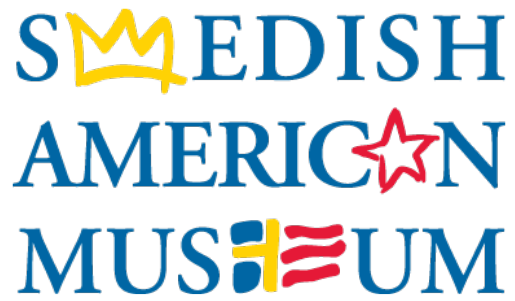
## Disbursements

Postage Bill \$1.72

We had two membership drawings. Sister La Verne Carlson who was not present and Sister Mary Olson who will be credited with 50¢

Meeting closed at 9:30

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson



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