



Meeting Minutes
St. Louis Park Historical Society
November 1, 2016

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Attending: President Ted Ekkers; Secretary Jeanne Andersen; Treasurer Henry Solmer; Trustees Jane Hagstrom, Dale Lapakko, Paul Linnee, John Olson and Jim Robbins; members Bill Beyer, Don Schimmel, and Steven Steuck.

GOVERNANCE:

- Review and approval of October minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.
- Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and approved.
- Membership Report: We signed up one new member and one renewal this month. Jeanne will send out letters after the election.
- *Re-Echo*/Park History Today Update: A *Re-Echo* is scheduled for November. Paul will write a story appropriate to the season. Steven noted that his mother was one of the original nurses at Methodist Hospital and he would like to write a story about her.

Secretary's Report:

- Volunteer Ingrid Moe is working to update our brochure; Jeanne will try to find grant funds to print it.
- Julie Sweitzer donated a file cabinet to the museum.
- Linda Trummer of the Meadowbrook Collaborative donated several numbered posters by Adam Turman that we can sell.
- We received \$270 from the Hennepin County Library for 14 Junior High and Cedar Manor yearbooks we sold to the Special Collections room at the Downtown library.

COLLECTIONS AND RESEARCH

- Cindy Pratt Thayer brought in eight photos of herself taken in 1964, modeling her Parkettes costumes. Jeanne scanned them, posted six of them on our website, and returned them to Cindy.
- After being questioned about Candlestick Park by Patrick Reusse on the sports page of the *StarTribune* and not being able to answer the question, Jeanne worked further on the page on our website, adding information from news articles and scanning aerial photos and plat maps. Paul mentioned that the water hole on the property was called "Bare-Ass Beach," and it was rumored that there was a dump truck in the water. The water feature is still there, called Candlestick Pond. We don't exactly know why it bears the Candlestick name.
- Jeanne finished organizing several boxes of files donated by the League of Women Voters.

PROGRAMMING

- Jim made a St. Louis Park History presentation at Lenox Community Center on October 18, 2016; Ted and Jeanne also attended. About 35 people came to see the program, and they had many good questions.
- The Depot holiday lighting will be on Saturday, December 3 at 5:30 pm. The SLP Ambassadors will be there to help host the event.
- John gave a talk to a Cub Scout pack at the Depot on October 13, 2016. There were about 20 boys and their parents in attendance.
- We have been asked to give a talk about Park history to a group of Brownies on November 15, 2016, and Kathy Johnson has agreed to do this.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FUNDRAISING

History Center

- Ted, John, and Jeanne met with Cindy Walsh, Rick Beane, and Jason West of the City's Parks and Rec Department about our search for an appropriate place for a City History Center. They were very receptive, and agreed that the City should be involved. They were open to different ownership scenarios, and said that the City could own the building even if it wasn't in a City park. One next step would be for Ted to meet with City Manager Tom Harmening; Cindy will help set up that meeting.
- Ted described the City's Visioning process, which must be done every ten years. In January through March of 2017 the City will train about 30 community members to facilitate community meetings and other workshops. Ted asked if we could be one of those groups, but that we deemed to be inappropriate. It was suggested that our program be couched in terms of Arts and Culture, and that we partner with other groups, but John reported that Diane Steen-Hinderlie had approached the different groups and they showed little interest in collaborating. Ted and Meg McMonigal will talk again in a month.
- Bill Beyer, our volunteer architect, had questions about what kinds of artifacts we had and how we planned to display them – which he would need to know when sketching out the different areas of the facility. We have no curator. Jeanne will contact Kathy Johnson to get a printout of the inventory she has entered into PastPerfect.

Fundraising

Paul reported that he and Tom Friedman have agreed on the details of the spring fundraiser:

- Date and Time: April 30, 2017, at 7:00
- Place: Sabes Jewish Community Center Theater, which holds 290 people
- Cost of venue: \$610
- Format: Susan Linnee will interview Tom regarding his new book, *Thank You for Being Late*.

Paul moved that we pay the \$500 deposit to hold the room. Motion passed, and Henry provided Paul with a check.

Many details need to be firmed up, including price points, name of the event, publicity, special packages, etc. Ted suggested that Paul work with a committee instead of the entire board on these. Paul will work on some "Save the Date" language that we can post to our website and social media.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the Society's office.