



Meeting Minutes  
St. Louis Park Historical Society  
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Attending: President Ted Ekkers; Secretary Jeanne Andersen; Treasurer Henry Solmer; Trustees Jane Hagstrom, Dale Lapakko, Paul Linnee, Jim Robbins, and John Olson; Members Don Schimmel and Steven Steuck

### GOVERNANCE:

- March Minutes were reviewed and approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Henry presented his report, as amended by Ted.
- Membership Report: Membership stands at about 250. Jeanne will be sending Thank You and Reminder letters out soon. Jane and Jim volunteered to come in this Saturday and help stuff envelopes.
- *Re-Echo* Update: In the absence of *Re-Echo* editor Ingrid Moe, Ted reported that articles are needed for the next issue. The deadline is the end of the week.
- Secretary's Report:

1. Jeanne reported that the *St. Louis Park Magazine*, for which she has been writing a column since 2013, will be changing its focus and name to *City South*, and will cover St. Louis Park and Southwest Minneapolis. Her contributions will be cut down to every second or third month and be of more regional interest.

2. The report to the Minnesota Historical Society for our second microfilm grant has been approved, which allows us to discard the hard copies of the newspapers we now have on microfilm. Jeanne has gone through the papers and pulled those with articles to be saved for the files. Don will look through the sports sections for information for his research.

### COLLECTIONS AND RESEARCH

Jeanne has done a lot of research on the history of our Lake Street McDonald's, and has written a long piece for the upcoming *Re-Echo*.

### PROGRAMMING/FUNDRAISING

- Paul reported that 285 tickets to the Tom Friedman fundraiser, scheduled for April 30 at 7:00 pm at the Sabes Jewish Community Center, have been sold, and the event is sold out. Paul, Jeanne and John McHugh, who will be recording the event for Community TV, will be making a visit to the JCC on April 13 to finalize logistical matters. Jane volunteered to organize volunteers and

assign the different tasks. Paul noted that Eventbrite is an excellent means of selling tickets to an event, and costs nothing if ticket buyers pay the fees.

- Ted is working on an event for July 18 involving Lisa Napoli, author of the book *Ray and Joan*.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Jeanne gave a report of actions taken regarding the Walker Building since the last Board meeting:

- Since the last meeting, Ted and Jeanne have met with Council members Steve Hallfin, Gregg Lindberg, Tim Brausen, and Anne Mavity. Ted sent an email to Mayor Jake Spano to update him on our vision and actions.
- Anne sent an email to Tom Harmening asking him to work with us on the various scenarios for City help in acquiring the Walker Building. This will prepare us to appear before a Council Study Session and present alternatives.
- Ted and Jeanne will be reaching out to City leaders such as Brad Bakken (Citizens Independent Bank) and Becky Bakken (Discover St. Louis Park) to explain our vision and obtain support.
- On the advice of Anne Mavity, we will also be contacting the various foundations in the city to explain our goals and find out how to apply for grants

## **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the Society's office.