



Meeting Minutes
St. Louis Park Historical Society
May 3, 2016

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Attending: President Ted Ekkers; Treasurer Henry Solmer; Trustees Sue Ainsworth, Jane Hagstrom, Dale Lapakko, Paul Linnee, John Olson, and Jim Robbins; members Don Schimmel and Lucille Thornsjo.

GOVERNANCE:

Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes from April 2016 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved as presented.

Membership Report: Ted reported that former membership chairman Bonnie Burton has trained him on how to use the PastPerfect Software on the laptop computer in the office.

RE-ECHO: Jane reported that the deadline for submission of articles for the next *ReEcho* is May 10th; the next issue will go out in June.

RESEARCH: Jim is looking for the words and music to the St. Louis Park alma mater.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Ted attended a meeting of the Hennepin County Historical Societies group at the Minnesota Historical Society. On the topic of volunteers, suggestions were to be clear on projects and recruit the right volunteers.

Sue gave a report on the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums conference which she and Secretary Jeanne Andersen attended last week in Willmar.

PROGRAMMING

Upcoming programs start next Tuesday, May 7, with "Historic Connections: Our City's Park System." There will be a short introduction by Ted followed by a panel discussion with past and current Parks & Rec Directors. The program is at 7 PM at Louisiana Oaks Park.

On Saturday, June 11, Ted will make a history presentation for the St. Louis Park Ambassador Candidates.

On Saturday, June 18, we will have a table at the Parktacular Expo at Wolfe Park. Jane is planning some trivia games to engage the public.

On August 21 there will be a program at the Depot about transportation, past and future, with a MnDot representative speaking about the SW Light Rail Line.

FUNDRAISING

Ted led the discussion about a capital campaign.

It was decided to begin with a letter going out to our membership explaining the need for a permanent space and asking for donations of property and cash (with a modest dollar goal) before going public with a bigger campaign. Ted will draft the letter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, at 7pm at the SLPHS Office. [Subsequently changed to June 14.]