



Meeting Minutes
St. Louis Park Historical Society
August 5, 2015

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Attending: President Ted Ekkers; Treasurer Henry Solmer; Trustees Sue Ainsworth, Jeanne Andersen, Dale Lapakko, Paul Linnee, Jeff Liss, John Olson, and James Robbins; member Don Schimmel.

GOVERNANCE

Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes as circulated were amended to correct the names of attendees. Jim moved for approval, Paul seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Henry has amended his spreadsheet to show the costs associated with fundraising (e.g. mailing, tape, paper) in a separate category.

Membership Report: In Vice President Bonnie Burton's absence, Ted gave the membership report, giving our current membership at 241. New and renewing members continue to come in at a steady rate.

Re-Echo Update: A four-page *Re-Echo* will be issued soon and will serve as the official notification to all members of our upcoming September 15 Annual Meeting.

Collections Update: Jeanne reported that in addition to the 300+ items delivered to the Society by Fred Mutchler at our July meeting, Fred has also donated a 200 lb. manhole cover that has "St. Louis Park Sewer Department" on it. Thanks to Fred and to Steve and Max Raymer for moving this to the Depot. We also received several objects relating to Holy Family Church.

Board Recruitment: Ted has had conversations with Jane Hagstrom, sales director at Towerlight Senior Community, about applying to be on the Board. She is a St. Louis Park graduate and very interested in the position. A nominating committee will be interviewing her and any other interested applicants before the September 15 Annual Meeting.

FUNDRAISING

Street Sign Fundraiser: This project has been extremely successful! Ted has taken all of the orders, Jeanne does the packaging and mailing, Dale made many deliveries, and Henry straightens bent signs and deposits all the checks. To date, there are:

- 240 individual orders
- 353 signs sold (out of 560)
- 95 people on the waiting list
- \$7850 in gross income
- 11 new members and 2 renewal members because of the program

Business Member Drive: Ted has met with Brad Meyer at the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce, and will connect with the St. Louis Park business group. The goal is to let businesses know about the Society,

recruit active board members from the business community, and solicit financial support. Jane Hagstrom and Jim Robbins will assist Ted in these activities.

Capital Campaign Fundraising Next Steps: This remains the same as last month: the next step will be to reach out to David Grabitske, our liaison to the Minnesota Historical Society, to identify qualified fundraisers and to get a sense of how much it would cost to engage the services of one to conduct a capital campaign. Ted will follow up.

Give MN November Fundraiser: Jeff will be using Facebook to let people know about the GiveMN Give to the Max Day in November. Many memberships will be up for renewal at that time, and the use of GiveMN to receive dues may increase the possibility of getting a random grant through the organization.

PROGRAMMING

Past Events

On Sunday, August 2, Ted attended the service at St. Dunstan's Anglican Church at 4241 Brookside Ave. to officially present a Century Plaque, marking the building's 100th Anniversary. Our thanks to member Lucille Thornsjo for working with the church and the Society to participate in this program.

On August 4, Ted, Sue, and Jeanne participated in the National Night Out event for the Minikahada Vista neighborhood. Neighbors showed quite an interest in the various historical documents displayed, and a couple of street signs were purchased. Jeanne also went to the Morningside neighborhood's party in Edina and sold all of our Morningside Road street signs.

Upcoming Events

August 18: Dale will work with Discover SLP on a bus tour for visitors.

August 30: Open house at the Depot, with railroad information presented by John Olson and Doug Johnson. Kathy Johnson is working on preparing the Depot for this event.

September 15: Annual Meeting, with event organized by Ted and Sue. Locations were discussed, and it was decided to hold the meeting in the Gallery Room at the Rec Center.

October 22: First of the Historic Connections moderated panel presentations, focused on How Development Shapes a City. This will be organized by Ted, Kathy Johnson, and Joanna McPeck.

November: Family Archive Workshop, organized by Kathy Johnson.

With no further business, Jim moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jeff seconded, and the motion passed.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on September 15 in the Gallery Room at the Rec Center. The Annual Meeting will begin at 7 pm with elections of officers. All members are invited to come and participate in the election and enjoy refreshments.