



Meeting Minutes
St. Louis Park Historical Society
November 14, 2017

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Attending: President Ted Ekkers; Secretary Jane Hagstrom; Trustees John Olson, Rick Sewall, Bill Beyer, Jim Robbins, Jeanne Andersen, and Ingrid Moe

GOVERNANCE:

The October minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: In Treasurer Henry Solmer's absence, Ted submitted his report. We had a spike in donations last month because of a \$1,000 donation from Discover SLP and \$640 raised from the Copperwing Distillery fundraiser.

Membership Report: Jeanne reported that membership is stable. All memberships are up for renewal in January 2018, in accordance with our bylaws.

RE-Echo update: Ingrid reported that the next issue is due out on November 21, 2017. The next due date for submissions for the February issue is January 9, 2018.

Office Administration:

- Our WiFi was reset and is working again.
- A first aid kit was purchased for the office.
- Phone service was renewed for one year.
- Doug Johnson is updating our Facebook page.
- The VOTE YES/REFERENDUM committee used our office for their phone bank, and they will give us a donation.
- We discussed cloud storage to get photos off of Jeanne's computer at home. Ted reported that other Historical Societies are looking into other storage systems available. We will explore options.
- Ted will update our web page for Give to the Max Day, which is on November 19, 2017. We do not actively promote this form of funding because of the fees involved.

COLLECTIONS & RESEARCH: Jeanne

- While Ted had office hours last month he accepted a donation of a bust made by famed sculptress and Park resident Evelyn Raymond. The bust was of Weldon Hobie, who took photos of Raymond in 1958 as she created the sculpture of xxx, which is on display at the U.S. Capitol. Hobie's niece donated the bust and

several 8x10 photos he took. Jeanne will fill in with news articles describing the process. Evelyn Raymond's studio was on Excelsior Blvd., torn down for Excelsior and Grand.

- Photo albums and yearbooks from Peter Hobart Elementary School were donated by the school and are in the process of being scanned by volunteer David Kopperl

PROGRAMMING:

Depot Lighting will be held on December 2 at 5:30PM. There will be 600 more lights added. Ted has arranged for a string quartet to play.

Mark Rosen Event: Jim is working on a speaking engagement, possibly on March 18 or 25, 2018. .

The volunteer coordinator from the Sholom Home has contacted us about possible collaborations. Ted will likely make a presentation to residents.

STRATEGIC PLANNING & FUNDRAISING

Walker Building update:

Ted and Jeanne met with the City's Economic Development and Community Development directors. Curt Rahman (our landlord and STEP Treasurer) and Derek Reise (STEP Executive Director) pitched the idea of sharing space with the Historical Society. Curt and Derek are presenting a proposal to the STEP board this evening. A partnership with STEP was discussed by our board and all agreed it would be a perfect fit.

Adjournment and next meeting:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00pm in the Society office.

After the meeting, Ted showed a presentation about the Walker/Lake neighborhood that he had given at the Lenox Neighborhood meeting in November.