



Meeting Minutes  
St. Louis Park Historical Society  
September 12, 2017

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**Attending:** President Ted Ekkers; Secretary Jane Hagstrom; Treasurer Henry Solmer; Trustees Ingrid Moe, Jeanne Andersen, John Olson, Rick Sewall, Bill Beyer, Jim Robbins; Members Paul Linnee, Dale Lapakko, Tom Wright, Doug Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Diane Steen-Hinderlie, Dick Saliterman, Julie Renner, Steve Raymer, John Froom

**Board nominations and treasurer appointments:**

Ted was re-elected to a second three-year term as President.  
Jane was elected to a three-year term as Secretary  
Ingrid was elected to a one-year term as Trustee  
Jeanne was elected to a two-year term as Trustee  
John, Rick, and Bill were elected to three-year terms as Trustees  
Henry was appointed to another one-year term as Treasurer

**Monthly Business: Ted**

June and July minutes were approved. There was no meeting in August.

**Annual Update: Ted**

Finances: Henry presented the report.

Membership: Membership income is projected at \$5500 and is declining. We have 236 members.

*Re-Echo:* Ingrid has increased the number of issues per year while decreasing costs. She asked for winter/holiday stories for the next issue, due Oct. 5.

**Upcoming Programming and Fundraisers:**

- Copperwing Distillery, Tuesday, Oct. 10
- Depot Holiday Lights, Dec. 2, 5:30

**Past Fundraisers:**

- Talk with Tom Friedman and Susan Linnee
- McDonald's Beginnings with Author Lisa Napoli, Author of the book Ray and Joan.

**Ongoing Fundraisers:**

- 565 Street signs were sold this year. About 270 remain
- \$3268 was made from Echowan sales

**Social Media & Press:**

- Park History Today: (email communication) 474 subscribers, up 10% from last year
- 1239 Facebook members, up 6% from last year
- 140 Twitter followers, up 32% from last year.

Collections: School vault findings included student handbooks, commencement programs, portraits of principals, homecoming buttons, and additional Echowans. A WWI Naval Uniform was donated by the Jack Hagen family. Other donations include a 1977 letter jacket, school photos, and 1976 football films.

**Volunteers:** Jeanne passed out a list of opportunities that need to be filled.

**Capital Campaign: Ted**

Key Achievements

- Met with City Council
- SLPHS was put on Council Study Session
- Raised \$23,400 for the Building Fund (now at \$31,798)

Key Challenges:

- No clear plan for History Center
- City indicated it will not be a lead to our project.

Potential Building Strategies and 2018 goals:

- Next steps to be discussed at October meeting
- Consulting SLP residents with Meeting
- Fundraising: Hire an experienced fundraiser

Ted thanked outgoing board members Dale Lapakko and Paul Linnee for their service and thanked the volunteers.

**Adjournment and next meeting:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 7:00pm in the Society office.