



Meeting Minutes
St. Louis Park Historical Society
December 5, 2017

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Attending: President Ted Ekkers; Secretary Jane Hagstrom; Treasurer Henry Solmer; Trustees John Olson, Rick Sewall, Bill Beyer, Jim Robbins, Jeanne Andersen; Member Sue Ainsworth.

GOVERNANCE:

The November minutes were approved with corrected spellings of Curt Rahman and Derek Reise.

Treasurers Report: Henry submitted report. Donations are up. Six people donated on Give to the Max day. The VOTE YES/Referendum committee donated \$150 for the use of our office.

Membership Report: Jeanne submitted her report. Dues are due on January 1. Jeanne will send out reminder at the end of January/beginning of February.

RE-Echo Update: Ted gave the report in Editor Ingrid Moe's absence. The due date for submissions of articles for the next issue is December 22, 2017. Jim is submitting an article. Lighting of the Depot photos will be submitted. Jeanne suggested "love" stories for next issue which will go out in February.

Jeanne noted problems with the Mystery Photo Contest – since people get their Re-Echos at different times, it's unfair to award prize to first correct answer. We also need to tell people how to enter. We will put all correct answers into a hat and choose one. We will also establish a deadline for guess date. And we will eliminate the prize, given our financial straits.

Office Admin: Because Jeanne can't get up the stairs due to her broken foot, Rick will cover office hours on December 9, Ted will cover December 16, and Jim will work December 30. The office will be closed on December 23. There was discussion on the procedure for donations of artifacts made to SLPHS. Donors must leave their names and addresses and Jeanne writes a thank-you letter and executes a Gift Agreement with the donor.

COLLECTIONS & RESEARCH: Jeanne

Peter Hobart has more class photos to donate to the Society. Henry will pick them up. Official programs from the 1967 and 1970 Robin Hood Days were donated.

PROGRAMMING:

- December 2nd, 5:30PM: Depot lighting: 50 in attendance, the String quartet was well received. 600 more lights were donated by Jane; more will be added next year. The lights are on a timer.
- Mark Rosen Event: Possible dates: March 18 or 25, 2018. Jim will follow up. Title of Event: Mark Rosen, SLP Sports and his Career.

STRATEGIC PLANNING & FUNDRAISING

Walker Building update: Ted

A recap of the City Council meeting was in the Sun-Sailor Newspaper. Someone else has made an offer on the Walker Building. Curt Rahman is keeping the discussion with our partnership open for another possible building. Ted is meeting with Mayor Jake Spano next week. Bill will write up a facility/building/tenant needs plan and requirements.

Adjournment and next meeting:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 7:00pm in the Society office.