

St. Louis Park Historical Society

April 7, 2020

Minutes

Attending by Zoom: Ted Ekkers, Henry Solmer, John Olson, Rick Sewell, Jim Robbins, Bill Beyer, Kathy Spence Johnson

Ted convened the meeting at 7pm.

We did not have the Minutes for the March meeting. We will Approve those at the May meeting.

Henry had sent the April financial report. We reviewed this. Henry reported we are well in the black. Book sales are going well.

Ted said he would like to give our tenants a rent break during the pandemic as they cannot conduct business. We discussed this and agreed to give them two months rent free, April and May. They both happy with this.

Ted reported Membership is at 250+.

Bill reported that the final file for the Re-Echo was ok'ed today and will go to the printer tomorrow and mailed this week.

Office has been closed. Kathy and Bill have both gone in to do projects, look things up.

Henry reported that the St. Louis Park League of Women Voters has donated some of their records. There are at the office.

Ted shared some of the research requests we have had lately. Information about National Lead and their employees. Information about the Harlem Globetrotters having a game or scrimmage with the SLP High School Team in the 1970s. Bill has been helping a man research the house he grew up in on Pennsylvania Ave.

Ted reported he had an email from someone in the Elmwood neighborhood about the Union Congregational Church possible housing project. They were asking us to make a statement about it. We will remain neutral.

We discussed our open Board seats. Lynn has some interest in serving.

Bill reported some research he has been doing about the historic SLP bank. He would one like it, a State Bank in Augusta, Minnesota.

Kathy reported that the Facebook post for #MNMuseumAlphabet have been going well.

Kathy reported that Minnesota Historical Society Grant for the Depot Historic Assessment and Condition report is due Friday April 10. It will be submitted before then. We will not hear if we get it until June.

Kathy asked if Ted knew anymore about Google Phone and if it might work for a SLPHS phone number. Ted will look into it.

Adjourned.