

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

February 2, 2021

Minutes

Attending: Ted Ekkers, Lynn Carper, Henry Somler, Kathy Spence Johnson, John Olson, Rick Sewall, Mary Lou Nemanic, Jane Hagstrom, Jim Robbins, Bill Beyers

The Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as written.

Ted announced that Steve Woodbury has resigned from the Board.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the Income and Expense spreadsheet. Henry confirmed that a donation from "A Might Cause" was part of the Give to the Max Campaign. Rent was missing from the expenses. Henry will update the sheet and send a revised sheet to everyone.

Membership-Lynne reported on membership. A membership letter is drafted, and he is updating the mailing lists. Lynne will send Board members the letter for comment. This letter is for individuals and families.

In March Lynne expects to send a similar letter to businesses. He expects to post donor business members on our website, the Re-Echo, Digital newsletter and at the office.

Lynne is working on a new Memorials opportunity. We will post this on the website.

Lynne suggested we contact the City Council to see if we can add our membership drive to their newsletters and announce it at a Council meeting. He would like to create an article for the Sun Sailor for the drive.

Re-Echo-Bill updated us on the next issue, deadline March 1. The content will be about the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad and the book, "The Tootin Louie". There will also be a salute to the "Echo" newspaper which recently won an award. He is working on asking author Tom Weber to write something for a future edition.

John updated us on a donation of heavy rail track pieces from the light rail construction site. The Railroad special Interest Group is suggesting installing these three-foot sections in the park by the Depot. John will contact Rick Beane about the possibilities.

The donations this month were a digital copy of the 1973 Mandala and some Black Lives Matter photographs from Mary Lou.

Bill noticed that Carver County Historical Society has moved to another Collections database system from Past Perfect. He will provide contact information for Kathy to contact them and ask about it.

We reviewed the 2021 Budget, and it was approved.

We discussed what to do to dispose of many of the street signs in the Depot. Perhaps ask Friends of the arts if someone might like them?

We discussed when to open the office. Kathy will make a Facebook post that we will open by appointments as staff allows.

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