

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

May 4, 2021

Minutes

Attending; Ted Ekkers, Lynne Carper, Henry Solmer, Kathy Spence Johnson, Rick Sewall, John Olson, Jane Hagstrom, Bill Beyer, Mary Lou Nemanic, Jim Robbins

Lynne greeted us with; "May the 4th be with you!"

The Minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- We reviewed the spreadsheet that Henry sent out. There was discussion about new line items and what are entered in them. We discussed Benefactor membership. We discussed the PayPal account. The report was accepted.

Membership-We reviewed the report Lynne sent out. There are 176 members Year to Date. We discussed the count starting Fall of 2020 to the present.

Re-Echo-Bill shared that the next issue will be a look at 1971, 50 years ago in honor of our 50th anniversary. The deadline for the next issue is June 1.

Jane asked when we start meeting in person. Ted suggested we wait one more month and discuss this again. Ted has had the Zoom account and does not need it for other purposes. Do we want to start paying for it or use one of the other platforms, WebEx, Zoom Free (limit of 45 min). We will try free for June; Ted will set it up.

We reviewed the Board meeting dates for the rest of the year. A few do not fall on the first Tuesday due to conflicts. June 1, July 13, no August, Sept 14, Oct 5, Nov. 9, Dec. 7.

Rail Project-It was reported that the city attorney has no problem with no fence on the rail display. The Depot has no liability problems for us. There will be expenses related to signage. It was suggested we use similar signage to the Minnehaha Watershed District signage.

Donations-Kathy shared some of the donations that have come in since the last meeting. Aerial photographs, stamps.

If we receive Memorial Donations, we should inform Bill so he can include them in the next ReEcho.

Henry asked if we wanted records from Sue Sanger related to Southwest Light Rail coming through SLP. She collected these while she was on the City Council. We do want them.

There was discussion as to getting some items from the Roller Garden when it closes. Getting the Dinosaur was suggested. Ted will contact them.

Bill met with Rick Beane and Sean Rice about the site plan for Jorvig Park. We need a physical site survey. Rick will set up a meeting with the Planning Commission. Bill reported that Rick Beane has acted as General Contractor on all the Park Buildings. He is no longer doing that and who will do this has not yet been determined. Bill sent out the concept drawings about the Historic District which includes the Vision of Triangle Park and walkways. We will work with Friends of the Arts on some of this concept.

Lynne decided to postpone the letters inviting businesses to be members. Some businesses have still responded. Business donations need to be added to the website.

Adjourned. Next meeting June 1, 2021.