

St. Louis Park Historical Society

June 1, 2021

Minutes

Attending: Ted Ekkers, Lynne Carper, Henry Solmer, Kathy Spence Johnson, Jane Hagstrom, Rick Sewell, Bill Byers, John Olson

Review of May meeting Minutes-The future meeting dates, correct July 13, and September 14. September 14 is our Annual Meeting. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurers Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry had sent us. There will be a 10% increase in rent starting this month. Henry projected that we would have enough funds to make rent for the rest of the year. The report was accepted as submitted.

Membership-Lynne updated our membership numbers, three new individual members, 6 new family members, Total of 183 members. Lynne also we have received Donations of \$80 to the general fund and \$195 to the building fund.

Re-Echo-Bill reported the current issue which has stories about 1971 to coincide with our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and a story about Rose-Mary Utne (previously Griak).

We decided that Office Hours will resume in June. Ted will send out a signup sheet.

Kathy reported that Doug has fixed the blinds in the office.

John Updated us on the track display outside the Depot.

We discussed the Roller Garden Closing and asking for some artifacts from them. There will be an auction of items.

Kathy shared the donation of a cookbook from Westwood Jr. High.

Research questions have asked what we know about school bus service in the 1930s and 1940s. Kathy did find a folder about this in the files. There was a question about a gas station and about city Elections.

Parktacular is June 19. The Expo is from 1pm-4pm. We will sign up for a space. We will have displays about our 50th Anniversary and 1971. Johns and Kathy will set up. Kathy will bring 1971 newspapers, Echowan Yearbook, directory, membership forms, Extra Re-Echoes, street signs, pencils, etc.

Lynne had some 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration ideas. An event at the Depot, Open House at the office.

Lynne suggested we work with History teachers at the High school and have an essay contest, the winner getting a scholarship. We discussed including other nonpublic schools as well.

Bill reported that there is no new information about the Park Building/Museum Proposal. He has received some topographic maps from the city.

Adjourned.

Next meeting July 13.