

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

October 5, 2021

Minutes

Attending: Vice President, Lynne Carper; Secretary, Kathy Spence Johnson; Treasurer, Henry Solmer; Trustees, John Olson, Rick Sewall, visitor Diane Hinderlie. On Zoom: President, Ted Ekkers; Trustees, Jane Hagstrom, Marylou Nemanic, Bill Beyer, Jim Robbins, Visitor Catherine Bishop.

Minutes of the September Annual Meeting were approved a written.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the financial spreadsheet. We ran in the red this month. Steve Price is late on rent but will pay. Jim updated us on the Insurance premium. We discussed Website expenses.

Membership Report-Lynne shared that the membership remains the same. He reminded us we have thirty-six complimentary members.

ReEcho-Bill reported the Fall issue is being delivered this week. It is twelve pages long. 263 copies were mailed, in addition fifty were delivered via email.

Office-new items have been hung on the walls.

Our next meetings are November 9 and December 7.

John reported that mulch has been placed at the Track Display at the depot. John shared a draft of the signage for the 1912 cornerstone. The plaque for the Track Display is in the works. John is looking into sign companies. This sign may include photographs and/or a map.

Collections-Kathy reported we have received two Milk Boxes. They are on display at the office. Kathy and Rick are cataloguing the collection items at the Depot for three hours each week, to be added to the Collections database with locations.

We discussed Rock Island. Kathy gave a brief overview of the current developments. MNDot will offer the land to the City of SLP. If the city takes it, this will be a park. If the city refuses it this will be sold to developers. Diane shared the history of Rock Island. Karen Laukkonen of Restore Lilac Way is starting a campaign to encourage the city to take the land.

It was suggested the Sun Sailor do a story about Rock Island.

We asked Bill to create a draft of a letter we can send to the city supporting the city take the Rock Island land for a park.

We discussed Lighting up the Depot for the holidays and creating an event.

Lynne reported that Lenox charges us as we charge for programming there. We can do free events there. The deadline for the Lenox Senior program "Newscaster" newsletter is October 15 for the next issue, which covers Jan-Apr, February for the following issue which covers May-Aug. Lynne suggested Bill do his presentation from last year again.

Give to the Max Day is November 19, 2021. Ted will update the script. Jane suggested we ask alumni to donate the amount of the date they graduated, 1978=\$19.78, or 197.80, etc.

Ted suggested a Challenge Grant. If we reach the goal the Board give a \$\$\$. We agreed to this. Jane suggested we do a visual, a Big Check, a Thermometer, etc.

Henry reminded us that if we are ordering on Amazon, we can use Amazon Smile and SLHS would get a small amount.

We discussed adding Giving, Donations and Bequests Buttons/pages to the Website. Lynne would like to encourage people to use their IRA RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) to give to us.

Adjourned.