



Meeting Minutes
St. Louis Park Historical Society
July 11, 2017

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Attending: President Ted Ekkers; Treasurer Henry Solmer; Trustees Jane Hagstrom, Jim Robbins, and John Olson; Members Ingrid Moe, and Don Schimmel.

GOVERNANCE

- Treasurer's Report: Henry presented his report, and noted that March and June newsletter costs would be recorded in the month of June.
- *Re-Echo* Update: Ingrid reported that the deadline for submissions for the September issue is July 18. Roland Larson, whose memoir was published in the winter *Re-Echo* edition, passed away recently. The Board signed a condolence card to send to their family.

PROGRAMMING

- Recap of Parktacular event. Overall it went well. Some ideas for next year were discussed.
- Kathy Johnson's presentation about the preservation of the Beehive for a group from Linden Hills on June 10th went very well with about 20 people attending.
- Ways to increase marketing for the upcoming event featuring Lisa Napoli, author of the book *Ray and Joan*, was discussed.
- John is hosting another open house at the Depot this coming Saturday 15th.
- Ted shared that the owner of Copperwing Distillery was interested in helping us by hosting a fundraiser at their business. Ted will pursue the opportunity and report back to the Board.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FUNDRAISING

- With the Walker building no longer an option, it was noted that we would need to start our strategy over. There was strong interest in finding a location near the Walker / Lake district given the historical significance of the city.
- Ted shared there could be an option to stay in the current building with a long-term lease if we could secure a grant to install an elevator. Consensus for now was that was unlikely.
- Ted noted that he would reach out to the City to start a new collaborative process.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The August Board meeting was cancelled to accommodate National Night Out. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Rec Center – this will be the Annual Meeting. Note that this is the second Tuesday of the month due to Labor Day weekend.