

May 5, 2020

Minutes

Attending via Zoom; Ted Ekkers, John Olson, Rick Sewell, Henry Solmer, Bill Beyers, Jim Robbins, Kathy Spence Johnson, Lynne Carper.

April Minutes were approved with a spelling correction.

March minutes have not yet been approved.

Treasurers Report- Henry sent us a current spreadsheet. Henry had been picking up the mail. There is no rent income for this month. It was noted that the Net Profit/Net Loss number should be a negative.

Lynn has some investment ideas with Foundations. He outlines how some of them work. He will explore more options. Ted will check with Citizens Bank. Henry can check on CDs.

Membership has not been updated, 250+.

Re-Echo Update-Spring has gone out. We have many extras as there are no places open to give them out. Bill has contacted League of Women Votes to do an article for next issue. Deadline is mid-May.

Office Administration-Ted has set up a Google Phone number for us. 612-465-9288. It has voice mail that sends us an email. There is a message to leave us messages. Doug has added it to the website.

Kathy is cataloguing the new donation from the League of Women Voters.

We had a new research question from Catherine Bishop about running routes related to history in the Park. Ted, Kathy, and Bill are working on ideas.

Parktacular has been cancelled, Ted's presentation to them has been cancelled.

We need to see what will happen with the Roadside Park Events.

Toni Nelson has cancelled the Senior program Bill was going to do. It will be rescheduled for the fall.

Library presentation Bill was going to do has been cancelled.

Bill has a first draft of an article for the Minnesota History Magazine on the State Banks. He will send it out for comments.

Henry had suggested we contact STEP about their plans for a new building. Would they have room for us? Ted will contact Derek Reise and ask.

We need to work on Board recruitment. Several seats are open. Ted shared a report of comparisons of makeup of Boards of other Historical Societies.

We have four vacant Board seats. Three current Board members terms are expiring. Ted asked the members whose term are expiring if they would serve again. All said yes.

Our Annual meeting is in September. Ted has updated the Board Application. There will be group interviews which should include at least two trustees and Jason West from Parks and Rec. Ted will contact Jason.

Lynn had ideas for Board members.

Ted reminded us that an Executive Board has been created. Bill McMillian helped put it together. It is for more Strategic Planning.

Ted will send the documents he shared to everyone.

There will be a press release regarding Board openings.

Ted will draft notes for a Sun Sailor article.

Kathy has been highlighting current Board members on the Facebook page. Bill suggested doing the History Alphabet again.

Adjourned.

KSJ