

St. Louis Park Historical Society
Annual Meeting Minutes September 15, 2020
Zoom meeting due to Covid-19

Attending: President: Ted Ekkers, Treasurer: Henry Solmer, Secretary: Jane Hagstrom, Trustees: Bill Beyer, John Olson, Kathy Johnson, Doug Johnson, Rick Sewall, Jim Robbins, Lynn Carper, Steve Woodbury, Mary Lou Nemanic. Members: Diane Steen-Hinderlie, Sue Ainsworth, John Scroggins, Jim Brimeyer, Janet Dunlop, Dick Krier, Judy Hogan

GOVERNANCE

Welcome: Ted

Election of Trustees: voted and approved.

Officers – Term end 2023

President: Ted Ekkers
Vice President: Lynne Carper
Secretary: Kathy Johnson
Treasurer: Henry Solmer

Term ends 2021

Bill Beyer
John Olson
Rick Sewall

Term ends 2022

Mary Lou Nemanic
Steve Woodbury
Open seat

Term ends 2023

Jim Robbins
Jane Hagstrom
Open Seat

Review of August minutes: Minutes were approved.

Treasurers report: Henry submitted report. Discussion about reaching out to our tenants for the upcoming 2 months' rent.

Membership report: 222 (a bit of a decline). Discussion of contacting class reunions FB pages for new memberships.

Re-Echo Update: Bill, Next issues in October and December.

Office Administration/office hours: No office hours due to Covid-19.

Annual meeting Update:

PRESERVE & HIGHLIGHT HISTORY

Book sale update: 3 more books requested

Donations:

Website Content: Doug made additions and correction to the website broken link. Doug and Henry updated our T-Mobile account to 6 gigs. Bill will add a PDF of an article about the early history of SLP.

FaceBook: Kathy will continue to come up with ideas for content.

Park History Today: 721 subscribers.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Presentations: August: Zoom presentation to Sunrise Rotary and the Bass Lake Group.

Virtual: Highlights from the book, *Places in the Park*, 21 attendees.

Taped (1 hour, 30 minutes) Lenox community Center with Tony Nelson: 3 different eras of SLP History. Will run on cable in October.

Rock Island Update: Diane MN DOT has suggested pausing as we await MN DOT sponsorship.

DONATIONS: We are not able to accept donations due to COVID-19, but many people have called to donate.

GRANTS: Kathy: A grant to the city was received in June to assess the Milwaukee Road Depot. McDonald Mac was hired to survey the Depot. A draft will be submitted in November.

2021 Goals:

New/Update stories on the website (Covid-19, etc.)

Maintain discipline for *ReEcho*

Quarterly email *Park History Today*

Continue public programming

Increase membership 10%

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ted thanked the board and volunteers and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be October 6, 2020, 7 PM, Zoom.