

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

December 1, 2020

Minutes

Attending: President, Ted Ekkers; Vice President, Lynne Carper; Secretary, Kathy Spence Johnson; Treasurer, Henry Solmer; Trustees, Rick Sewall, John Olson, Jane Hagstrom, Bill Beyer, Steve Woodbury, Mary Lou Nemanic, Jim Robbins.

Ted convened the meeting at 7:07

The Minutes of the November were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet report Henry had sent. Henry and Ted continue to send out books that have been ordered. The insurance bill is coming for \$785. On Give to the Max day we received donations of \$525. We have had donations through that site of \$914 overall. Ted suggested the Board consider making year end contributions.

Membership stands at 228. Ted and Lynne will be sending the annual membership letter for 2021. Lynne would like to be more direct with businesses. He suggested sharing list with other groups. Steve and Lynne will be a task force to investigate this. Lynne will write a report for the next meeting.

Re-Echo-Bill is wrapping up the December issue. Articles are on Healthcare in the Park and Nelsons meats and other family-owned businesses. Bohn GWelding is closed. Lynne has another idea for a future Re-Echo. The deadline for the next issue is March 1, 2021.

Covid Procedure plan update. We reviewed the plan draft Kathy has sent to everyone. Lynne suggested using gloves. We will have gloves available for anyone to use and a line will be added to the plan about this. Kathy will fix the typo on last page and add in a few missing facts related to the HVAC system at the depot.

Doug Johnson has upgraded the One Drive back up on the computer from 5 Gig to 100 Gig to be able to back up all the photographs on the computer there. There is an additional cost of \$1.99 a month that the Johnson's will cover. Kathy shared her concerns about all the digital photographs we have and the lack of a system to organize them and reference them. Ted suggested getting a grant to process and catalogue them.

Kathy reported that the Depot alarm system does not seem to be working. She has contacted Rick Beane and he is having UHL look at it.

It has been suggested that we have a list of Board members with phone numbers and emails for us to use. Ted will contact us if he needs information. Ted will update the Board list on the website, removing phone numbers and emails.

We discussed office space and available buildings. Ted has contacted Derek at STEP, and they will use the proceeds of their building sale to buy new space. Derek mentioned the Bohn building at 6610 West Lake St. as a leasing opportunity. The old Park Vacuum building came up as well. Bill will look into these. Lynne suggested the new development "Place" and wondered if we could get space there? He will contact Sean Walther.

Bill reminded us of the discussion with Parks and Rec about a new building in Jorvig Park. We discussed the "Nest" building on Lake St.

Kathy reported on a few research requests we have answered.

Jim shared more detail about what is covered in the new insurance policy, Liability up to one million, contents for \$12,000, with a minimum premium.

John asked about the insurance covering the liability of Rock Island. MNDot requires the sponsors to have two million in liability. John will get the specs in writing from MNDot.

Adjourned.