

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

April 6, 2021

Minutes

Attending: Ted Ekkers, Lynne Carper, Henry Solmer, Kathy Spence Johnson, Rick Sewall, John Olson, Jane Hagstrom, Bill Beyer, Mary Lou Nemanic, Jim Robbins

Minutes of March meeting were accepted as written.

Trustee's report-Henry reviewed the spreadsheet he had sent to us. Lynne asked for a correction of parenthesis on page two for Annual Budget difference (9,927).

The Grant payment is in the Conservation line. We had discussion about extra donations going in the Building Fund and the names of the categories. Henry and Lynne will work out the income categories for budget input. They will report back at the May meeting.

Membership-Lynne shared his process. There are 129 new and active members. We received donations from the Renner Family, Discover SLP, and Paul Linee.

ReEcho-it was mailed April 5. Lynne and Bill will update the mailing list.

Donations from Doug Hodgdon of Railroad items.

Research- We had a request from Rebecca Bender for us to edit the webpage about Posnick dentists. I talked this over with Ted and will check and removed some editorial language.

Someone wanted to give us yearbooks we already have, 1958-1961.

The Edina Women's Club asked if we know why Elmer Ave's name was changed to Lynn. This seems to be in Edina only. We only had Fern and Leverne change to Lynn in 1933.

Someone is asking for Lenox school photos 1963-1968. Still to do.

Minnesota Historical Society received a donation that they thought might really be for us. I checked and we have not had any contact with this family. Might be Bloomington.

Someone wanted to know where the bench in Wolfe Park dedicated to Ken Wolf was. I asked Nate Rosa and he said south side of Wolfe Lake, so I walked over and took photographs of it.

Someone remembered a Doctor Sher who had offices in Westwood Shopping Center. She suggested we add him to the Doctor's page. Still to do.

Kathy had a request from the Jorvig family to tour the Depot the weekend of Bob's memorial. She will accommodate them when we have more details.

Lynne had records of the SLP Railroad Task Force. He will bring them to be added to the collection.

Ted reported on the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting he, Bill and Kathy attended. They seemed very receptive of the idea of a shared SLPHS and Parks building in Jorvig Park. Kathy told them about the Depot Grant, Bill shared his redrafted building plan. There were comments on partnering with

Friends of the Arts on Triangle Park, the sidewalk History Walk and the Historic Railroad District. Estimated costs are \$700,000.

John reminded us that the SLPHS is celebrating our 50th Anniversary. We started April 21, 1971. We discussed ways to bring attention to this. Facebook posts, Sun Sailor article, etc.

John updated us on the rail installation project.

Kathy shared that Parktacular will be celebrated this year. Do we want to be involved? Several people will be out of town.

Kathy contacted the City Assessor about the records that we might get from them. The Assessor has concerns that some of the info in the records might be private and who would have liability if they became public. Kathy and Bill will contact him in June or July to see some of the records. There are about 70 boxes.

Next Meeting May 4, 2021, online.