

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting, On Zoom

January 4, 2022

Minutes

Attending: Ted Ekkers, Lynne Carper, Kathy Spence Johnson, Henry Solmer, Bill Byers, Marylou Nemanic, Jane Hagstrom, Jim Robbins, John Olson.

Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report-We discussed the spreadsheet Henry provided. Henry pointed out a correction that needed to be made. Jim confirmed Henry has the new insurance policy.

Membership-We reviewed the report Lynne provided. Membership is 225. We discussed a line item in the budget for Memorials. We discussed tracking book sales and finding new ways to sell our books. Lynne reported that he had installed candles in the windows of the Depot. They will stay up until Ash Wednesday. Lynne will send membership renewal letter on January 18.

We reviewed the schedule for Office Hours. Using Office Calendar, we filled in open dates.

Our meetings for 2022 will be Feb 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, no July meeting, August 16 (to prepare for Annual Meeting), Sept 13 (Annual Meeting), Oct 4, Nov. 1, Dec 6.

Track Display update-John reported he has been working with Advantage Sign and Graphics. The quote for sign and installation is \$900. There was discussion about paying for this. Ideas were to use income from the Railroad Special Interest Group book sale, getting a corporate sponsor (Citizen's Bank was suggested), Ask city to help pay for it.

Ted asked Kathy to see if Minnesota Historical Society has guidelines for how to place and pay for signage at Historic Sites.

Bill suggested we could create more Historic Signs for other locations and get corporate sponsorship for the project. Review a list of places that might have a sign. Create Sign ideas.

Homework-John talk to City of SLP. Ask if they can do the Railroad Trak display installation for less than \$900. Kathy will talk to MHS.

Donations-Kathy reported that there were two inquiries about giving items to us. A Trophy chafing dish which she turned down and some Gamble office records, which she said we could take. The donor lives out of town and will try to get them to us in the future. We discussed how we might get them sooner.

Re-Echo-The latest edition was sent out before Christmas. The next edition might be about Grocery Stores. This was suggested by Mark Toretzky's research. Bill will contact him about contributing to the articles.

Research Questions-Kathy listed some of the research questions from the last month, Bob Stein autograph, Family photos from the Ambassador Hotel by Diane Arbus. A question about City Sidewalk Policy (this person will come to the office), Thanks from two members for the Re-Echo articles.

Kathy shared that she and Rick have finished the first phase of the cataloguing project at the Depot. Next steps include matching Deed of Gift forms with donation items.

Lynne suggested we do a "Hunt" project like the city is doing for Gnomes in the Parks. It would be business related and include taking photographs and having prizes. It would need to be promoted. After discussion Jane volunteered to contact Nate Rose at Parks and Recreation about how he runs their program. Lynne will create a written proposal for the project for next meeting.

The Linden Hills History Group is asking for a presentation about SLP. Bull is talking with them.

Adjourned.

Kathy Spence Johnson