

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

May 5, 2022

Minutes

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

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

Treasurers Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. We discussed our income from memberships, office rental, questions about the website and Building and Memorial funds in the Building Fund.

Membership Report-We reviewed the report Lynne provided which outlined mailing and responses.

Office: Website-Doug Johnson has done a great job cleaning up the Website. A big Thank you to Doug for his many hours of work. We will discontinue the support from Go Daddy since the website is more manageable.

Office Hours-May 21-Bill, May 28-Henry, June 4-Jim, June 11-open, June 18-Parktacular, June 25-Ted.

We discussed the need for a Fire Extinguisher for the office. Minnesota Historical Society recommends a standard ABC. Kathy will purchase one appropriate to the square footage.

We discussed getting one for the Depot. John reported that the Depot security has been updated adding smoke detectors. We asked John to speak with Rick about the need for Fire Extinguishers there.

We discussed how to use the office space. Perhaps adding more storage?

Donations-Kathy reported the additions of a Miracle Mile Little League Uniform including pants, sox, hats, chaps, and Graduation tassels from 1976.

Re Echo-Bill is working on the next issue on the Fire Department. He will contact them for research and stories.

Community Engagement-Lynne reported that there is a Lenox Senior Resource Event on June 14. He would like us to have a table there. Henry volunteered to be there. Lynne would like to create displays, posters. He will determine the costs.

We have been invited to speak at the Walker Business Group July 12.

The Parktacular Expo is June 18. We will have a booth there. Ted and Henry volunteered to do set up and man the table from 12-2pm, Bill and Jim volunteered to man the table from 2-5pm. Ted will register for the event.

Ted reported on the meeting with the new City Manager Kim Keller. Ted, Bill, and John met her at the Depot and did a short presentation about SLP history. They spoke with her about a future home for the Historical Society. Bill reported that after the meeting he was contacted by Sean Walthers about the Railroad right of way.

Rick Beane has asked Bill for input to the Depot chimney rebuild. We discussed another presentation to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Bill has asked about costs and the building business is very chaotic right now.

Kathy reported that she and John and Diane attended the final lighting of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church stained glass window, April 24th. Kathy spoke with Chad who had invited us, so he knows we attended.

Kathy and Doug attended the Historic Walker Lake event April 28. John said he went as well. There is walking map to add to the collection.

Kathy shared that she and Doug went to the Taste of Ukraine event at the First Ukrainian Baptist Church on 41st April 24. There s a postcard to add to the collection.

Kathy explained that she and Doug have unframed the very large SLP map from 1956. The map has been saved and will go into storage at the Depot.

Kathy went to the Women's Club luncheon today and picked up the Women's Club records they are donating.

Kathy shared that she has resumed Facebook postings. She would welcome ideas. Currently she is posting sports items on Mondays and School buildings on Fridays.

Bill reported that some Hanke descendants visited recently. They updated him on the health of longtime supported Carol Hartvigson.

Adjourned, and Kathy gave a brief tour of the office holdings.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary