St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

June 6, 2022

Minutes

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

Minutes of the May 2022 meeting were accepted as written

Treasurer’s Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. There was some discussion. It was accepted as presented.

Membership-Lynne provided a report of current members, 179. Ted suggested he bring a list of people who have not responded to the next meeting for review.

Office-There will be no July Board meeting. Our August meeting will be August 16, September meeting is the 13th. We reviewed office hours, June 11-Lynne, June 18-Parktacular, June 25-Ted, July 2-Henry, July 9-Rick, July 16-Jane, July 23-Mary Lou, July 30-Bill, Aug 6, Rick, Aug 13-Jim, Aug 20-Henry, Aug 27-Jane. We discussed where to hang the fire extinguisher.

Donations-Kathy showed a small stuffed animal that was donated and two plaques about Ernie Jacobson, owner of the Beltline Pay Dump, member of the State legislature and member of the Lion’s Club.

ReEcho-Bill is working on the current issue. The theme is the Fire Department.

Events/Community Engagement-Lenox is having a Senior Resource Event June 14. We will have a table there. Lynne will create a poster display. He will bring yearbooks, other artifacts. John and Henry volunteered to man the table. Bill will provide easels for displays.

Parktacular-June 18 is the Parade and Expo. We will have a table there. Kathy will collect the items from the Senior Event and other items to display. John will pick up tables, tent, weights, etc. Set up is 10am-noon. Henry, John, Lynne, and Kathy will work the booth 12-2pm, Bill and Ted will work the booth 2-5pm. Ted will do take down.

Ted and Bill will do a presentation to the Walker Lake Business group July 12.

The Brookside Neighborhood Association has asked us to do an historic walking tour of their neighborhood. Kathy will do this.

Fern Hill Neighborhood Association members Tom and Elizabeth Tape are doing research on their neighborhood to publish in their newsletter.

Henry wanted to acknowledge that Jane is paying for the postage for the Thank You cards that go to members and donors. Thank You Jane!

John reported on the signage for the displays at the Depot. He provided a draft. The signs will be and aluminum composite. One will be in the rail area and one by the stone. They are estimated to cost
$1000 each. We passed a motion to do this with funds from the building funds not to exceed $2500. John is sending the final draft to Rick Beane for final approval.

Bill made a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission May 18, 2022.

Ted made a presentation to the Parktacular Ambassadors, Sunday, June 4, 2022.

Kathy provided a list of website items that Doug thinks we should delete. We concurred.

Research questions-The Class of 1972 is having their 50th Reunion and wants photographs of the elementary schools.

Benilde St. Margaret contacted us to see if we had photographs from our website of their building. We do not have documentation for these.

Barbara Addington asked why we do not have H & H TV, a business on Louisiana Blvd on our website. They recently moved to Excelsior. Kathy asked that she see if the business had some written history we can add.

Adjourned,

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson
Parktacular 2022 DRAFT report

Kathy collected Boxes of items from the office, easels, poster, Newspaper volume, Photo Album, membership forms, SITW and PITP,

She also brought Duct tape, rope,

John picked up and delivered tent, table, chairs, weights, sign,

Henry, Lynne, Kathy, Doug, John, Bill, and Ted all took shifts in the tent from 10am-5pm.

It was an extremely windy day and Kathy spent a lot of time chasing membership forms across the park.

Other groups had this problem also.