

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

August 16, 2022

Minutes

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

Minutes-The minutes were accepted as written with three spelling changes.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. It was a light activity month. The tenants are not up to date on their rent. Ted will contact them. The report was accepted as written.

Membership Report-Lynne provided a report with the most recent activity. We currently have 189 members. The Webb Group is making a business donation. Lynne asked if we might be at the 1972 reunion to solicit members.

Lynne suggested we have open houses at the Depot and the office.

The Lenox Senior Program has a collection of scrapbooks and photograph they would like to donate. After some discussion we agreed to take these. Lynne will supervise the move from Lenox to the office. He will have them fill out the Deed of Gift.

Office hours-September 3-Labor Day weekend-closed, September 10-Lynne, September 17-Ted, September 24-Henry, October 1-Rick.

The Annual Meeting is September 13, 2022, at the Rec Center in the Gallery. There will be an election. Mary Lou and Doug Johnson are on the slate. Several other names were suggested and will be contacted about their possible interest. Jane will provide treats. Ted will send out an email blast about the meeting.

Kathy suggested we establish a Marie Hartman Award. It will be given annually to someone who has contributed to forwarding our mission and purpose. The first would be given this year to Jeanne Andersen. It would be presented at the Annual Meeting. Jane and Kathy will work out the details of the award. A motion was made to do this and \$150 was budgeted for this project. It was suggested that we have a plaque in the office that lists who has received the awards each year. \$50 was set aside for this project. Motion passed.

Bill reported that the next Re-Echo will be about the McDevitt family, longtime residents, and business owners. It will be distributed in December. We discussed how many copies we print and distribute for each issue. Bill will be doing a presentation for the Linden Hills History Group in September.

Kathy Shared that she has found that other local historical societies have transitioned from pat Perfect to Collective Access from the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums. She visited Hopkins Historical Society to see their processing and has contacted MALHM about joining Collective Access.

Kathy shared the current donations. One was a Masonic apron/cape from 1931. She also shared some of the recent research requests. Report attached.

We have some St. Louis Park School District 283 records that were given to us in 2016. A question was raised about if we should have them or if the State Archive should have them. Kathy contacted the State Archive about this, and they said there is a law stating the School District records she go to the State Archive. They do not have any records for St. Louis Park District 283 and would be happy to have these.

We voted to transfer these records to the State Archive. They will be more accessible there. Kathy will contact them and see how the transfer process works.

Kathy shared that the Brookside tour went well and was well received. They have asked her to do it again.

Ted and Bill attended the National Night Out event at Minikhada Vista Neighborhood and had a table sharing about the Historical Society.

We are working with James Everest a musician and composer, on his Sound Garden Project. He came to the office to look at maps and photographs. He has asked us to participate in event October 8, 12-4pm At Texa Tonka Park. There will also be two other related events.

Mary Lou and her husband Doug will be doing a presentation on their business Documentary America and providing information on preserving family photographs. Date not yet set.

Kathy will do a presentation on how to research your house. Date not yet set.

Ted and Bill did a presentation for the Historic Walker Lake Business Association.

Give to the Max is in November. We will make plans to participate.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson