

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

October 4, 2022

Minutes

Attending: Ted Ekkers, President; Lynne Carper, Vice President; Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary; Henry Solmer, Treasurer; Trustees, Jane Hagstrom, Rick Sewall, Jon Olson, Mary Lou Nemanic, Doug Johnson,

Minutes of the September Annual Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. Henry explained fees for research are income in programming. Bill's fee for his presentation is income in donations.

Membership- Lynne reviewed the report he provided. There was discussion. He is asking for those who can, to write personal notes to some of the past members, encouraging them to join. Lynne provided the list.

We discussed the Give to the Max Campaign. Ideas for suggestions for giving included giving the amount related to the village being founded \$18.86, Giving your street address, \$40.93, the amount of the Historical Societies birthday, \$51.00. We choose the address idea. Everyone takes a photograph of their house numbers and send to Kathy and Doug to publicize the amounts on Facebook and website.

We reviewed Office Hours; they are filled through the end of the year. Next meeting is November 1, 2022.

Lynne visited with Mick Mellas of Friends of the Arts and Mike would like to attend our next meeting to talk about shared projects.

Doug asked to remove the bucket of sand at the entrance of the Depot that smokers are using. Agreed. Doug will update the list of Board Members on the Website. He will update the minutes page as well.

We discussed adding QR codes to the two new signs. Perhaps a sticker, or small additional signs? John will check with the sign company.

Doug suggested we remove the SLP authors page linked to Amazon sale and just have a list of authors. We agreed to have hm do this.

We received a donation of fifteen historic photographs of the Sugar Beet Factory.

Re Echo-The new issue is out.

The Sound Carden Event is October 8. We will have a table and Kathy, Doug, John, and Rick will be there to promote the SLPHS.

There will be a Depot Lighting Event December 3, 2022 We will provide cocoa and cookies.

There will be a Depot Open House October 22, 2022. It will be a dedication of the display signs (which were partially financed with funds raised through the Railroad Special interest Group's book sales), and the 51st Anniversary of the Historical Society.

Ted shared that we are planning regular programming. This will be promoted with articles in the Sun Sailor. Future events will be Mary Lou Nemanic speaking and a workshop Kathy will lead on Researching Your House's History. We discussed other ideas for future presentations.

"Places In The Park" is now for sale at SOTA Clothing.

Ted will investigate the process for creating a book on St. Louis Park for the "Images of America" series.

Lynne shared that the 2023 membership letter will go out by January 16, 2023.

Ted shared a Thank You letter from Jeanne Andersen.

Kathy suggested we update the volunteer page on the website and include an application for people to fill out. She will do this.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson