

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

February 7, 2023

Minutes

Attending-Ted Ekkers, President; Henry Solmer, Treasurer; Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary; Trustees Rick Sewall, Johns Olson, Jim Robbins. On Zoom, Lynne Carper, Mary Lou Nemanic

Kathy opened the meeting as Ted advised he would be a bit late.

We reviewed the Minutes of December 6, 2022. A motion was made and carried to accept them as written.

At Ted's arrival he chaired the meeting.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. This included budget lines for comparisons. We will discuss the budget at the February meeting. Discussion noted donations were higher in December 2022. We ended last year with a loss of \$3600. It was suggested we actively solicit donations in the fall for end of year.

Ted shared that we are going to receive an Estate Donation from Harrison Allen. It will be distributed in the spring. Mr. Allen grew up in the Park and went to school here. He lived elsewhere most of his adult life. His family ran Pasttimes Arena/Roller Garden property.

Membership Report-We reviewed the report Lynne provided. Membership letters for the current year have just gone out. Our current year membership is 24. Lynne and Ted will create an article for the Sun Sailor promoting membership. Doug will post to the Facebook page with a link to the website membership page.

We reviewed the schedule for Office Hours for the next month. John-Feb 2, Lynne-Feb 18, Ted-Feb 25, Doug-March 4, Jane-March 11, Rick-March 18. Ted will be out of town for the March meeting so Lynne will chair.

Kathy shared the research questions since December, Class Photographs Lenox 1966-67, Comments on the Re-Echo related to Walker Street. Bill answered that one. Hockey Photographs, Jane provided some, The Jewish Community Center exhibit related to Delis. Paster Properties who own Texa Tonka wanted five photographs for a promotional piece, as per our commercial rate they paid \$150. Doug added a button for this on the web shop page to make these transactions easier.

The High School Media Specialist, Alison Tsuchiya Theiler, is asking if we are interested in some historic items. The Library is being remodeled June 2023-Fall 2025 and she does not have room for them. Kathy has an appointment on Thursday, Feb. 9 to visit with her.

Kathy shared the most recent catalogue donations. Records pertaining to the Twin Lakes committee water reclamation project, 1990s from Mark McHenry. Brookside Inn Matchbook bought on eBay.

Kathy asked for help filing, there are many newspaper clippings and some photographs to be put away.

Kathy is working on the Collective Access Cataloging application. When that is accepted, she will work on the MHS grant to pay for it, that should be about \$10,000. There are 12,000 digital images on the

office laptop. These along with the Past Perfect catalogue will all need to be loaded to Collective Access at some future time. There was some discussion about this process.

Kathy explained that she would like to box the St. Louis Park/City South Magazines. They will go to storage at the Depot. The cases will be used for the elementary school yearbooks. It was agreed she can do this.

Re-Echo-Ted read a report from Bill. The Spring issue will be about the Star of Bethlehem property on Minnetonka Blvd. and its many uses over the years. The summer issue will be about the Esterly Harvester/Sugar Beet/ Republic property.

Bill and Kathy went to visit Hennepin History Museum and met with the Director John Crippen. He had approached us about doing a project together. After a tour and some discussion, we are focusing on a walking tour centered around the Esterly/Sugar Beet/Republic property. We may also have part of the event at Sota/Walker Building.

Bill did a presentation at Park Shores about Bass Lake. He will reach out to Tower Light to see if they are interested in a presentation.

May Lou's presentation is at Lenox Community Center May 20th.

Kathy will do a workshop about researching the history of your SLP house, date to be determined.

The Microsoft Teams software we were using for the meeting was not working well. We will explore some of the other free software options, Google, Meet-up, etc. We need to discuss Ted having to pay for Zoom from his own pocket.

Adjourned. Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary