

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

March 7, 2023

Minutes

Attending: Vice President-Lynne Carper, Secretary-Kathy Spence Johnson, Trustees-Doug Johnson, John Olson, Rick Sewall, Jane Hagstrom, Bill Beyer, Jim Robbins

Minutes-There was discussion about the minutes and revealing information about an estate gift too prematurely. The minutes were amended to exclude the amount of the gift. The Minutes were approved with this exclusion.

Treasurer's Report- We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. The report was accepted as written. We continued the discussion of the estate gift and how to encourage more of this. There was discussion about how to use the gift and how to acknowledge the donor.

Membership report-We reviewed the report Lynne provided. Current 2023 membership is 113. Lynne shared a multicolored chart he uses to track memberships. He is highlighting business sectors.

Re=Echo-Bill shared the current issue is about the Star of Bethlehem building off of Minnetonka Blvd. and the history of the property. This issue is at the printer.

Bill gave a presentation at Park Shores Senior Residence about the Bass Lake area. Bill also shared his report on the visit he and Kathy took to Hennepin History Museum. We are planning to do a collaborative walking tour project with them this summer.

Kathy shared recent donations, a small tray (ashtray?) from the Cooper Theater and four boxes of items from St. Louis Park High School.

We reviewed the Office Hours schedule for the next few weeks, March 25-Jane, April 1-Jim, April 8-Rick, April 22-?, April 29-Doug.

Mary Lou is doing a presentation at Lenox Community Center on March 20, through the Community Education Program on "Documenting Everyday Life". There are four people registered and it needs six or it will be cancelled.

Kathy's house presentation is still in the works, dates to be determined.

We had discussion about using Zoom in meetings. Ted has been paying for it himself and we need to find alternatives. Other options were discussed. We need to research costs, etc. Doug said he would look into this.

Memberships and Donations were discussed. Lynne explained how he determines membership based on peoples giving donations. There was discussion about what membership means. Members have voting rights at the Annual Meeting and receive the Re-Echo. We need a definition of what the word "membership" means and what the work "Donor" means.

This also led to a discussion about what the paper trail is for memberships and donations. We need to review the accounting practices for this and have an "audit" trail for them. We discussed how to keep

this paper saved in the office. There was also discussion about the “Building Fund” and the “General Fund”. Kathy made a motion to table the discussion until next month, passed.

Budget discussion was tabled until next month.

Next meeting is April 4, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson