

## Sr. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

April 4, 2023

### Minutes

Attending: Lynne Carper, Vice President; Henry Solmer, Treasurer; Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary; Trustees, John Olson, Rick Sewall, Doug Johnson, Mary Lou Nemanic. Jane Hagstrom on Teams.

Lynne called the meeting to order.

Mary Lou volunteered to do office hours April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Minutes-The March minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. There was discussion regarding the costs of the Re-Echo, increasing both printing and mailing. Henry raised questions about the budget numbers. We discussed placing \$25,000 in a CD from the Savings account. The term is 15 months at 4%. Doug made a motion that we do this, Mary Lou seconded. Motion carried. Lynne suggested we increase the budget for items like display cases, improving the facilities. This can be added to a budget discussion. Fundraising can be added to a budget discussion.

Membership Report-Lynne shared a recap. We have 154 members to date. We have five Business members. Lynne continues to solicit other business sectors. Lynne's City Council person Margaret Rog put in a plug for membership to the Historical Society in her newsletter.

There was discussion about who keeps track of donations. Henry keeps track of the money; Lynne keeps track of the names and donations. Jane sends the thank you notes.

Lynne suggested other events, open houses.

We discussed a way to thank and promote members. It was agreed we should thank members in the Re-Echo quarterly. Business members as well.

We reviewed Office Hours; May 6, Henry; May 13-?, May 20, Rick; May 27-Doug.

Donations-Kathy shared a donated oversized photograph of Byrd Ave. near Virginia and Cedar Lake Road, and a Campfire Girls Uniform from the 1960s.

Re-Echo-We sent 286 copies of the last issue. The cost of printing has increased 30%. We discussed the cost of each issue. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Education and Outreach-Mary Lou's presentation last month went well. Kathy presentation still to be determined.

The Lenox event we participated in last year will be June 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4pm. John and Henry volunteered to staff it. There will be a table and items to take.

We continued a discussion we started last month on what constitutes a member. If forms are not filled out definitively can the donors be called members? This was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2023