

St Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

May 2, 2023

Minutes

Attending-President, Ted Ekkers; Secretary, Kathy Spence Johnson; Treasurer, Henry Solmer; Trustees, John Olson, Doug Johnson, Rick Sweall, Bill Beyers, Jane Hagstrom. Attending on Google Meet: Mary Lou Nemanic, Jim Robbins.

The Minutes of the April meeting were accepted with two spelling corrections. (Sr to St. and uniform)

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. Henry asked that we manually fill in the April figure for net profit/loss with minus \$633. We discussed the new CD.

Budget-Ted provided a worksheet for us to review. One item discussed is that we need \$6500 in donations above membership to break even. We have exceeded the office supplies budget for this year already. Henry pointed out that we have not used office supplies monies in quite a while. The line item was increased to \$200. Re-Echo expenses have increased. We discussed the needed internet upgrades. Doug and Henry will research this. They were given a budget of \$100.

Membership report-We reviewed the report Lynne provided. Current membership stands at 157. We reviewed an earlier discussion of Members versus Donors and what their definitions are. Henry pointed out that there might be some tax implications, due to charitable dedications. We need to revisit the membership form to make the definitions clearer, separating the members section from donor's section.

Re-Echo-We discussed the increased costs. It costs \$1.30 to print each copy and \$.50 to mail. Bill reviewed the next issue ideas. One is a Hennepin History Museum idea of a timeline for land used by Esterly/Sugar Beet/Republic. We discussed adding donors/member thank you in a column in the Re-Echo, as well as business donations. Bill will look at a quarter page for this.

Office Hours-May 6-Henry, May 13-Bill, May 20-Rick, May 27-Doug, June 6-Ted, June 10-Bill, June 17-Parktacular, June 24-Jim, July 1-closed for holiday weekend.

Next meeting June 6, 2023.

Board Recruitment-We need to be working toward finding candidates for the September meeting. All the officers are up for reelection. Jim and Jane will both be at the end of their term and not serve again. Bill has an idea for someone new from the co-housing group he is working with. We have four slots to fill.

Kathy reminded us that we should be thinking about a candidate for the Marie Hartmann Award.

We reviewed upcoming Events, Lenox, June 13, Parktacular, June 17. Board members signed up for timeslots to staff the booth.

Kathy will do a House research workshop in September.

We discussed how to acknowledge the recent large gift. Ted will write a letter to the family. Kathy will write a short story for the Re-Echo about the Allen family.

The City Council has accepted Rock Island Park from MNDOT. This adds to the continuing story of Lilac Way and the highway 100 roadside parks.

Kathy loaned four framed photographs of the 1986 and 1990 SLP Women's state basketball championships to Phil Ferek, the coach for a reunion event. They will be returned later.

This month's collection donations include a packet of items related to the grand opening of the Cooper Theater., tickets, invitations, etc.

We discussed opening the Depot several times this summer.

Kathy asked if everyone would bring boxes that needed to go to the Depot to her car. Everyone helped.

Adjourned,

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson