

Secretary, Kathy Spence Johnson

June 6, 2023

Minutes

Attending: Vice President, Lynne Carper; Secretary, Kathy Spence Johnson; Treasurer, Henry Solmer; Trustees; Doug Johnson, John Olson, Bill Beyer, Rick Sewell, Jim Robbins, Jane Hagstrom.

Kathy chaired the meeting.

Minutes-The Minutes of the May 2, 2023, meeting were approved with one correction (some attended on Google Meet, not Teams)

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. Henry reported that Dave Dalquist made a generous donation.

There was a continuation of the discussion regarding the definition of a donation versus a membership. Several Board members requested we have a formal discussion about this with definitions set. Kathy will see this is placed on the agenda for our August meeting. It was suggested people come ready to share their opinions and rationale.

Membership-We reviewed the report Lynne provided. We currently have 161 members.

Office Hours review-June 10-Bill, June-17-Parktacular, June 24-Jim, July 1-closed for Holiday, July 8-Bill, July-15-Henry, July 22-Doug, July 29-Rick, Aug 5-Henry

We will not have a Board meeting in July, our next meeting is August 8th.

Ted suggested we host study sessions to provide information to prospective Board members. We agreed this was a good idea.

Donations-Kathy shared three items sent by the Waddell/Rixon/Baston descendants. An 1852 Bible, a 1860 book and a recipe for making caramels. Kathy said she will make this recipe and bring it to a future meeting. These will be added to the other family items.

Re-Echo-Bill shared that the newest issue is at the printer. It is twelve pages. It should be mailed soon. The main article is on the Sugar Beet Factory.

Events and Presentations-Kathy reported that she gave a presentation on the History of SLP to the Woman's Club at 1pm today. They made a donation, she sold three books, and gave away many newsletters.

June 13 is the Lenox Senior Vendor Fair. Lynne, John and Henry will attend and staff the table. They will bring display items.

June 17 is Parktacular. Ted is organizing the staffing and timeline.

Future Events-Kathy will do a workshop on Researching your home in September. Bill is working on a Walking Tour, and display of the Esterly/Sugar Beet/Republic location. He is hoping we can meet at Doc's Place (Sota) for some of this event.

John is working toward having an Open House at the Depot, June 24th. He is still working out the details. He hopes to plan some for July and August.

Kathy opened a discussion regarding nominations for the Marie Hartmann Award. Her suggestion was Karen Laukkonen for her work in the preservation of the Lilac Way Parks. It was agreed she is a good candidate. We will confirm this at the August meeting and work on the presentation for the Annual Meeting.

Strategic Planning and Fundraising-Lynne suggested we do some communications about Bequests. Kathy will write an article for the Re-Echo about the Allen family and their involvement in SLP and their recent generous estate gift. Bill asked for the Business donors list to go in the next issue as well. Lynne will provide Bill with the list. Bill set a deadline of mid-August for these reports.

Lynne shared he will be having a health procedure soon. We wished him well.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson

PS. While everyone was still present Kathy reported that the Minnesota Historical Society had picked up the St. Louis Park School District records to be transferred there, on Tuesday May 30,