

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

August 8, 2023

Minutes

Council Member Nadia Mohamed came to the meeting to meet us and talk about her campaign for mayor in November 2023. Her campaign manager Owen visited as well.

Attending: President, Ted Ekkers; Secretary, Kathy Spence Johnson; Treasurer, Henry Solmer; Trustees, John Olson, Doug Johnson, Jane Hagstrom, Rick Sewall, Jim Robbins, Bill Beyer. On Zoom, Vice President, Lynne Carper, Trustee Mary Lou Nemanic.

Minutes were approved with spelling corrections.

Treasurers Report-Henry reported we have received \$1226 in Memorials for Phyllis McQuaid. Bill will add the donor names to the Memorial Donation in the Re-Echo. The rent has gone up to \$1200 a month. We have changed to an autopay system for the rent. Kathy suggested we use one of the inner offices to house the City Assessors records they have offered. We will discuss this at a later meeting.

Membership Report-Lynne reported we have 165 members. Lynne will keep track of donors as future potential members. He suggested we create a handout with driving directions to historic sites in the park.

Office administration-We reviewed the office hours schedule and filled in up to October 28. See the Google Drive list for specifics. The list will be attached to these minutes.

Our next meeting is our Annual Meeting, September 12. We discussed inviting people to come. An announcement will be sent to all members. There will be Facebook announcements and invitations.

We discussed the Marie Hartmann Award. John asked what criteria we were using to choose the person. Since we did not have that info in front of us everyone was asked to bring criteria, they believe is important to the next meeting to discuss. We should also bring the names of people or groups we think could get the award. This was tabled until the October meeting. No award will be given at the Annual Meeting.

We discussed Board Recruitment. We discussed whether Board Members could be added during the year and not just at the Annual Meeting. Doug read from the Bylaws that this is the case. We can fill positions as needed.

Re-Echo-Bill said the next issue will include Phyllis McQuaid. He presented the draft for the walking tour we are working on in collaboration with the Hennepin History Museum. He shared that he is changing printers to Gleason. He will share lists of donors in the issue.

Events-We reviewed the events we participated in during June, Lenox event, the Depot Open House and Parktacular. We need a new tent and Ted has researched the costs. We agreed to purchase this. Ted will order it. We discussed another Depot event in September.

We will discuss the definitions of membership and donors and the membership form at the next regular meeting.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson

Office Hours

Aug 12-Ted

Aug 19-Rick

Aug 26-Bill

Sept 2-Mary Lou

Sept 9-Bill

Sept 16-Rick

Sept 23-Ted

Sept 30-Henry

Oct 7-Ted

Oct 14-Rick

Oct 21-Doug

Oct 28-Mary Lou