

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

November 14, 2023

Minutes

Attending: ted Ekkers, President; Lynne Carper, Vice President; Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary; Henry Solmer, Treasurer; Trustees, John Olson, Rick Sweall, Bill Beyer, Doug Johnson. Visitor, Jim McDonough.

Introductions were made.

Minutes were approved with two spelling corrections.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry distributed. Henry reported that the insurance payment was paid. There was general discussion.

Membership- Lynne shared his report. Current membership is 173. We discussed when membership renewal letters should be mailed. The suggestion was November for the next calendar year. There was a discussion about business gifts. These should be acknowledged in the Re-Echo. Henry volunteered to send out donor Thank You notes.

The Membership form has been revised. Doug shared a draft of the new simplified form. There was a motion to accept this new form revision. Motion passed.

Office Administration-attendees filled the office hours calendar; Nov.18-Henry, Nov 25-Rick, Dec 2-Bill, Dec 0-Lynne, Dec 16-Doug, Dec 23-closed, Dec 30-Henry.

Our next meeting is December 5, 2023, the following meeting will be January 2, 2024.

Doug and Henry reported that the WIFI has been upgraded.

Governance-We discovered that the officers' terms expired in September 2023, and we did not re-elect them at the meeting. Bylaws state that elections can be held at other times beside the Annual Meeting. We need to have an election at the December 2023 meeting. Ted will inform the membership. Four of the current Trustees must be present to elect the officers, all of whom are willing to serve again.

Kathy showed some of the new donations, Yearbooks from Cedar Manor, and Peter Hobart 1970s-1980s, books from the McQuaid family including a 1980s report on the light rail project, A portrait painting of Mayor Ken Wolfe, A child's firefighter badge from the 1960s, Sugar Beet fork.

Research questions this month included Logos for Bunny's, which is celebrating 90years, someone looking for Lenox photographs, The elections office asking if we what photogs from 1993, George Rye coming to ask about where his pioneer family's home was, three people asking about house history research.

We have not heard anything more about our Collective Access Grant request from MNHS.

Re-Echo-Bill reported that he does not have a topic for the net issue yet. We discussed several ideas. Bill updated his work with Hennepin History Museum on a walking tour next spring of Skunk Hollow.

Member Paul Linnee shared with Ted that Richfield Historical Society has a new book out.

The Depot lighting will be December 2, 2023, at 5:30-6pm.

We had some discussion on storage.

Ted shared that Nikki out city liaison was asking for help with the Facebook gnome hunt project that is put on by Parks and Rec. John and Jim volunteered to work with her.

Ted and Kathy will plan the House History Workshop.

Board Recruitment-Ted provided a worksheet for discussion. His plan is to fill positions during the year. Some ideas were to share Sun Sailor articles, "20 years ago", "30 years ago", etc. Bill volunteered to do these. Ted asked us to sign up for items on the list for the December meeting.

Jim has filled out the paperwork to join the Board. He will be on the slate in December.

John reported that the city pump building in Jorvig Park has been removed.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson