

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

December 5, 2023

Minutes

Attending: Ted Ekkers, President; Lynne Carper, Vice President; Henry Solmer, Treasurer; Trustees, Doug Johnson, John Olson, Bill Beyer; Visitor, Jim McDonough; Attending via Zoom, Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary, Trustees Rick Sweall and Mary Lou Nemanic.

Election: Board Nominations; Officers, Ted Ekkers, President, Lynne Carper, Vice President, Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary, Trustees Jim McDonough for the 2023-2026 terms. The motion to accept these nominations was made by Bill, seconded by Rick. The slate passed.

Minutes of the November meeting was approved with spelling corrections.

After the vote Rick excused himself and signed off.

Treasurers Report-Henry reviewed the spreadsheet he had distributed. It has been a low activity month. Year to date we are coming close to budget. There was discussion of the Give TO The Max donations. There was a discussion of rental agreements with our tenants. Ted will discuss this with them.

Membership report-We discussed Give to the Max donations and reaffirmed that our policy is to not treat them as memberships. The new membership form and amounts were changed at the last meeting. The new membership letter will be coming out in December. We will continue to use Do Good mailing company for this. Membership is 168.

Office Administration-Next Board meeting is January 2, 2024. The following dates are Feb. 6, Mar. 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, Aug 14, Sept 10 Annual Meeting, Oct 1, Nov 12, Dec. 3, 2024.

We discussed the Marie Hartmann Award. Ted had some new thoughts, Mark Toretzky, Paul Linee, Karen Laukkonen. We will discuss this in June and make a choice.

Donations-Kathy shared the Milwaukee Road Lineman equipment.

Re-Echo-Bill shared the next issue will be on stormwater treatment projects. It will go out soon.

Depot Lighting-There was good turnout for the Depot Lighting on Dec 2. We still need to put up the battery powered candle lights.

Gnome Hunt-We have been asked to help with Parks and Recs, Gnome Hunt on social media in January. John and Jim volunteered to help with this.

We were invited to address the Parks Commission at their meeting tomorrow, Dec 6. Bill will attend.

Bill did a presentation at Park Shores today. Jim attended.

Board Recruitment Update-Ted met with Nikki and Makayla from Park and Rec. The city does not help with this kind of work. Nikki shared that the Commissions, like the Parks Commission might be disbanding. Ted contacted Seth Rowe from the Sun Sailor about publicizing our needs in several ways. He is waiting for a reply. Ted is working on content. He handed out a flyer outlining some of our needs. He proposed an Open House on January 20th.

The next issue of the Re-Echo will include recruitment.

Doug suggested we lock up the laptop and the Wi-Fi device. It was agreed we should. He will work on this.

Adjourned.