

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

February 6, 2024

Minutes

Attending: Vice President, Lynne Carper; Secretary, Kathy Spence Johnson; Treasurer, Henry Solmer; Trustees; John Olson, Doug Johnson, Rick Sewall, Bill Beyer, Jim McDonough. Mary Lou Nemanic online, Visitor Scott Ross.

The Minutes of the January meeting were approved with the correction of the spelling of Doug's name.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry distributed. We discussed the 2023 Year end totals. We received the \$7017 grant check from MNHS.

Membership Report-We discussed the report Lynne provided. We had a total of 171 members at the end of 2023. The current membership campaign is ongoing, and memberships are coming in. The current number is sixteen and will be updated for the next meeting.

John reported that Park and Recreation is planning maintenance on the Depot. They will replace wood and repaint the outside. They will work on a water issue we had last year. John noted that Rick Beane is retiring. Sean Rice will be retiring later in the year.

Office Administration- Kathy reported that she has been working on the new Collective Access test site checking that our data moved successfully. She expects to set it up soon so we can add new accessions and photographs and media.

Bill reported that he received two new donation last Saturday, a 1965 mug from the High school and a Junior High student handbook.

We reviewed Office Hours-Feb. 10-Ted, Feb 17-Doug, Feb 24-John, March 2-Rick.

Re-Echo-The latest issue is out. Bill suggested leaving copies at the two breweries in town. He will drop them off. Bill met with John at Hennepin History Museum today and continued planning the Skunk Hollow presentations and walking tour. Bill will try to pitch a "Skink Hollow" cocktail for the breweries and distilleries for the tour month. They are talking about three walking tours, one for VIPs, and two others. Bill also made a connection with Lynn Markham Murphy, daughter of James Markham the publisher of the Hennepin County Review and the St. Louis Park Dispatch. She would like help getting the newspapers digitized and getting her father's biography published. Kathy is meeting with her next week.

Bill answered a research question about Shelard Park this week.

Bill was contacted by Nance Rose who is concerned that the city is discussing discontinuing the city citizen commissions. We discussed who we might talk to about this issue.

The next Re-echo will focus on the history of the Cobble Crest property.

Community Engagement-Jim has asked the city about options for an Evelyn Raymond Art Show at City Hall. He is waiting to hear back.

Kathy delivered the copies of "Something in The Water" and "Places in the Park" that the High School requested. We placed labels in the books showing they were donated by us, and we received a letter of acknowledgement from the district.

Soctt Ross introduced himself. He is applying for a Board Trustee Seat.

Adjourned.