

Minutes

Attending; Ted Ekkers, President; Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary; Trustees, Bill Beyer, Rick Sewall, John Olson, Scott Ross, Jim McDonough, Doug Johnson. Mary Lou Nemanic online.

Board Nominations-Ted started the meeting by nominating Scott Ross to an open Trustees seat for a three year term, 2023-2026. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes-We reviewed the minutes of the February meeting. The minutes were approved with three spelling corrections.

Treasurers Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. We discussed the membership income and the rent from our sublet offices. Ted will suggest an increase in rent to the renters.

Membership Report-Current membership for 2024 is 105.

Office Administration-Ted reported that he is working with a sign company to replace the faded sign on the side of the building that captions the mural. Curt Rathman the building owner will pay for it.

We reviewed Office Hours, March 9-Open House, March 16-Bill, March 23-Jim, March 30-Mary Lou, April 6-Rick, April 13-Scott.

Kathy shared information about two items that will be coming, an Army Uniform and accessories, and Milwaukee Road documents that go with the Milwaukee Road lineman items we received a few months ago.

We have been contacted by Rebecca bender about information we might provide regarding getting another of her books published. Kathy will contact her with ideas.

Re-Echo-Bill reported that the new issue is going out within two weeks. Its subject is the Cobblecrest Mansion.

Bill met with Hennepin History Museum regarding the Displays and Walking Tour about the Sugar Beet Factory and Skunk Hollow. Our responsibility will be a joint reception at Doc's to raise funds, tentatively set for June 1 or June 8.

We discussed other city locations for the display, City Hall, Park building at Oak Hill Park, the library, among others.

Jim has contacted Cheyenne at City Hall about a display of the work of Evelyn Raymond.

Member Nancy Rose contacted regarding the city discontinuing the Citizen Advisory Commissions. She asked that we send a letter opposing this. After discussion we decided not to send a letter and communicate with Nancy that we will remain neutral about this.

Bill reminded us that the Legislature has a law stating that cities can create a tax that is specifically in support of city Historical Societies. He will seek advice from tax experts to see how to start a discussion with the city about this. Jim said he would help.

Next meeting, April 2, 2024