

## St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

November 12, 2024

### Minutes

Attending; Ted Ekkers, President; Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary; Henry Solmer, Treasurer; Trustees, Rick Sewall, John Olson, Doug Johnson, Scott Ross, Jim McDonough, Bill Beyer; Volunteers, Maureen Gormley, Catherine Bishop.

Minutes-We reviewed the Minutes Kathy sent out. They were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. This was accepted as written.

Membership-No report

Office Administration-Jim reported that Jim Robbins was looking for a 1963 High School Concert program. They were not able to find this during office hours and asked for some of us to help look to see if we had this.

We reviewed the Office Hours schedule-November 16-Henry, Nov 23-Rick, Nov 30-Mary Lou, Dec. 7-Bill, Dec 14-Doug.

Katy reported some peeling paint on the Heating/Cooling duct work. Ted will let the landlord know about this.

Sobriety in Christ will vacate its office at the end of 2024.

Donations-Kathy highlighted new donations we had received. Oak Hill School Bell and Brick, Park Association of Teachers newsletters, Sauk Center Historical Society sent us Gambles ephemera, Jeanne donated a hanger and coaster, Kathy picked up a Hazelwood coaster, we received a St. Louis Park Red Cross Chapter panoramic photograph from 1919.

Kathy reported she is taking down the Veteran's display and will put something else in the case.

Re-Echo-Bill reported he is working on researching Dan Patch and Marion Savage.

Catherine shared the plans for events and tours for 2025. The tentative schedule is;

We will have an Open House March 15,

There will be a walking tour of Minikahda Vista neighborhood May 20.

Lenox Event June 9,

Parktacular June 21,

We will participate in the Tale of Small Wonders event at Westwood Nature Center July 7,

There will be a Skunk Hollow Tour July 8, and its second half July 22,

These will be repeated August 15 and Sept 6.

We will participate in the Friends of the Arts show at the ROC on Sept 6.

Open house Oct 11,

Dec 12-event

Depot lighting, Dec 2025

Depot Lighting Dec. 7, 2024, 5:30-6:30pm, John shared that the lights need to be reinstalled after the work done at the Depot. He will check on that. It was suggested we run the Dan Patch YouTube video during the event.

Our Give to the Max campaign has begun. Scott has made some video Facebook postings with this theme. Maureen helped us discuss strategy. We discussed Boosting a Facebook post. We agreed this would be good. Ted will do this.

Kathy reported that t group named “The Satin Dolls” dancing group has disbanded and will donate their archival records to us. Be looking for this donation.

Doug will make some display stands for clothing items in the collection.

Henry asked if we could reprint letterhead for his donation letters. Ted will check on this.

We discussed creating a Native Land Statement. We will discuss this further at the next meeting. Jim will attend the Hñá Wakpádan, meeting we have been invited to.

Adjourned, respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson