

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

December 3, 2024

Minutes

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

Minutes-The Minutes were approved with three spelling corrections.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. We discussed a few line items for clarity. Henry has paid the insurance. It was suggested we analyze the Give to the Max donor reports to plan how to interact with them in other ways. The report was accepted as written.

Membership report-Lynne distributed his December report. A new membership letter is going out January 15. Current membership is 153. It was suggested we acknowledge members in the Re-Echo. We discussed business members and how to acknowledge them.

There was discussion about the possible disbandment of the Historic Walker Lake Business District.

We discussed organizations that make donations and how to pursue these.

Office Administration-Rick reported the heat was off last Saturday, Nov. 30. He could not get it to stay on. Brrrrr.

Office Hours- December 7-Bill, December 14-Doug, Dec 21-Bill, Dec 28-Lynne, Jan 4th-Scott, Jan 11-Ted,

The January Board meeting will move to January 14th from Jan 7.

Collective Access-We are adding new media items weekly. Henry has been training to continue to add items. Currently we have 791 items added.

Donations- we received three yearbooks, 1964, 1965, 1966. Two are duplicates. We received a box of items from the Satin Dolls Dance Group. They started in 1982 and disbanded in 2024. There are scrapbooks, photographs, newspaper clippings, etc.

Re-Echo-Bill is working on the current edition due out December 9-14. The theme is Dan Parch and Marion Savage. There is also a memorial page related to the tragic Park Tavern event.

We discussed an Indigenous Advocacy Statement. Ted had provided research items to read. We discussed steps we might take. We would like to learn more history of the Dakota in St. Louis Park. We need to ask a Dakota person for help.

We discussed using MNHS Grant funding to get a research grant. Kathy will contact the grants office to see what category this kind of research comes under, and who has done Land Acknowledgement work already.

The 10 Annual Depot Lighting event is December 7, from 5:30-6:30pm. Ted emailed the Sun Sailor to have it put on the Community Calendar but this did not happen.

We recapped our Give To The Max campaign. Scott suggested we up our goal, as we hit it earlier than expected. We need to ask Maureen how to read the “Boost” results.

Ted has ordered notecards for SLPHS thank you notes.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson