

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

March 11, 2025

Minutes

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

The Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report- We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. Membership is in full swing. The income is up. Our CDs are being renewed. This report was accepted as written.

Membership report-We reviewed Lynne's report. As of March 10, we have 86 members. More are being processed. Lynne expects to send a business membership letter out soon. We discussed ways to advertise and promote ourselves. Lynne will contact the Sun Sailor. We discussed the Lenox Resource event June 10. We will have a table there. Scott has a plan for increasing business memberships. We discussed promoting the opportunity for people to make their investment Minimum Distribution to us. We also discussed an automatic membership renewal program. There have been requests for this option.

Office Hours-March 15-Jim, March 22-Scott, March 29-Rick, April 5-Henry, April 12-Ted.

Kathy reported we have 851 items in our MN Collections online portal.

Our most recent donations were some issues of the Echo newspaper.

Bill reported that the Re-Echo is at the printer. It should be mailed this week.

There is an event at Steel Toe Brewery on March 3. Bill will do a presentation at Park Shores on April 24th. Bill will do a presentation at the Rotary on May 12th. The two SLP Rotary's are merging and Bill is working on the history of the Rotary in SLP. We discussed other events. Lenox Resource event, June 10, Parktacular, June 14th.

We discussed the Carol Hartvigsen estate gift.

Lenox is celebrating its 100th anniversary. John is representing us on that committee. They have asked us to be a Co-Sponsor. It does not entail a financial contribution. Their kickoff is October 6 with events continuing until October 15th. John will provide them with the school poster timeline.

We discussed items that have been left in the inner office, and some of us took the tour.

Adjourned. Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson