

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

June 3, 2025

Minutes

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

Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. We discussed that the CD's need to be renewed or changed in September. We were asked to come to the Annual meeting with recommendations.

Membership Report-Lynne provided a report that we reviewed. Present membership is 156. Jim will contact the Sun Sailor reporter about a membership article for the paper.

Administration-Next meeting is July 1st. Office hours-June 7-Henry, June 14-Parktacular, office closed, June 21-Doug, June 28-Lynne, July 5-closed.

On June 30, Monday three researchers will come to the office to look for items related to their 1976 50-year reunion. Scott and John will work with them.

Collective Access-Kathy reported there are 1050 items on our page on MN Collections. More are added weekly.

ReEcho-The new issue is at the printer. Bill interviewed Brewers for the "History of Beer." Steel Toe, Ullsperger, Haggard Barrel.

Bill did presentations at Park Shores and the Rotary. He shared that the city has started a "Nominate a tree" program. He will use the Burr Oak story in the previous ReEcho to participate.

Bill shared a program the Minnesota Historical Society and American Institute of Architects, Minnesota, have called "North Star Story Map."

We will participate in the Lenox event on June 10, John, Henry, and Scott will attend.

Parktacular is June 14, Ted, Rick, John will attend, all others are welcome to help.

The Lenox 100th Anniversary Committee is working on its programs for September. John is attending meetings to keep us informed.

Step's 50th Anniversary Celebrations was well attended. They raised \$200,000.

We discussed advertising the Railroad Special Interest Group. They will Meeting Friday, June 13th this month.

Elmwood neighborhood contacted us to use the Depot. John is trying to contact them.

June 28th there is a Depot Open House 1pm-4pm.

Jim asked if we do school programs. We discussed programs we have done in the past. He shared that the Minnesota Humanities Center has funds for school programing. He also suggested we collaborated with the Givens Foundation for African American Literature.

We discussed Our Facebook statistics and Website statistics. Jim suggested we have a spreadsheet with these numbers updated monthly to the Board. Kathy will create this.

We continued the discussion of what might be done with the CDs when they need attention in September. Lynne reminded us about the Sy. Paul and Minneapolis Community Foundation. We agreed to discuss this further in July.

Adjourned.