

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

July 2, 2025

Minutes

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

The Minutes of the June meeting were approved with typo corrections.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed and accepted the spreadsheet Henry provided. We are adding the names of Business members to the website. There was discussion about Business members. The Certificate of Deposit is up for renewal in September. We need to make decisions about renewing them or investing money elsewhere. Ted will contact the investment group that Lynne suggested and ask them to come for a presentation. Jim asked Henry about the Park Theatre membership he sent in. Henry and Lynne will track it down.

Membership-Our current membership is 159 members.

Board Meetings-The August meeting will be August 12 instead of August 5. The September 9th Annual Meeting will be at the Rec Center. We will bring some displays.

Office Hours-July 5-we will be closed, July 12-Lynne, July 19-Bill, July 26-Scott, August 2-Ted, August 9-Doug.

Kathy reported that we have 1092 items on the Collective Access, Minnesota Collection online site.

New donations include Plat Maps that Jeanne Anderson donated, and a Central School Yearbook.

We had research requests from Holy Family Catholic Church looking for info about the church for their 100th Anniversary. Someone also asked for a recipe from Marie B's restaurant, which we do not have.

ReEcho-Bill reported that the newest issue is out. He has not picked a subject for September yet. He is doing research for the Rotary, and he might do a future issue on the Fraternal Organizations in the city.

Parktacular was well attended. A few books were sold.

The Depot open house had six visitors.

The Lenon event was well attended. Scott and John hosted out table.

The Reunion group from the class of 1976 came by the office and enjoyed looking at things. Scott and John helped them.

Bill reported that the Skunk Hollow tour was not as well attended. He will be doing it again July 8th and 13th. He is considering an all-day Saturday event for 2026. We discussed options.

Bill is posting Burr Oak stories on the Facebook page in conjunction with the City's "Most Valued Tree" contest.

Lenox School's 100th Anniversary Event is October 6. There are daytime events all week. They will be coming to the office to look for photos this month.

Jim reminded us that the Westwood Nature Center "Trail of Small Wonders" opens July 7.

Kathy Shared that we are running out of storage shelves at the Depot. It may be possible to add more storage. We will discuss it in the future. In the meantime, she will store some boxes in the inner office.

Kathy also reminded us that the office computer is 11 years old and very slow. After a short discussion the board asked Scott and Doug to look for a new one. A budget of \$1000 was approved, with more possible if needed.

We briefly looked at some online statistics. Facebook insights. We have 10,685 views for June 2-29. 257 interactions. On MN Collections we are 30th out of 100, down from 23rd last month.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson