

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

October 7, 2025

Minutes

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

Minutes-We reviewed the Minutes that Kathy provided. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. Expenses for the new computer and accessories were added. Henry reported all the CD's have been renewed. We discussed our tax status. There are new forms to fill out. Henry will do so. We had an unexpected \$500 donation last month. Ted will speak to Rosanne about August rent.

Membership-Lynne reported no new members this month. Our new membership push will be in January 2026.

Office hours-October 11-Scott, October 18-Rick, October 25-Doug, November 1-Lynne, November 8-Rick.

Our next Board Meeting will be November 11.

Collective Access update- We have 1416 items up on MNCollections. Items are added weekly.

Kathy reported on the new collection donations, 6 Framed historic photographs, A paper bag from Fred G. Anderson Paint Store, and some school report cards from Stu Alexander. An assortment of current brochures Kathy picked up at a rack at the Rec Center related to community activities.

Kathy shared the most recent research questions we received, A woman asking for a copy of the Peter Hobart Lunch Ladies photo. Her mother is in the photo and is having her 95th birthday. She also asked for several copies of the Re-Echo. We had an image request for the Packard Culligan building to be used for their 80th anniversary. Danny Gelfman asked to see photos of historic Jewish businesses. He will come in to see them. WCCO sports asked for information and photos of the Parkettes for a story they are making. Eric from Hess-Royce asked for any documents we might have for Reinhart Brothers who were at 4301 Hwy 7. We did not have any. Karen at the U of M Library sent a picture she thought we should add to the web page on Roundhouse Rodney.

Re-echo-Bill is working on documenting Walker Houses for a future story.

We discussed the Century House Plaque Program. We need to update the costs of the plaques. Kathy will check into this.

Ted suggested we think about a Virtual Open House. We brainstormed about this idea. Could we show Artifacts, Programming, Video content "Did you Know," History Club "show and tell."

Depot Lighting is December 6th. Ted will not be able to host. We need help to set up and take down. Rick, John, Henry, Lynn all volunteered to help. The Ambassadors will be here as well.

It was suggested we get a large video screen for presentations, multimedia displays. This was tabled for another time.

Jim reminded us that Friends of the Arts is having their 30th birthday event, October 21st, and invited us to attend.

Adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary