

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

November 11, 2025

Minutes

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

The Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-Henry reported we have a new insurance invoice. There is an increase. A copy is in the file at the office if anyone wants to review it. Henry has found some lost membership checks from July. They cannot be cashed. He suggested we credit these people memberships without bothering them to repay. We agreed to this plan. There was a \$500 donation this month. Roseanne has paid her August and October rent. Report accepted.

Membership Report-Lynne reported two new memberships, for a total of 170 members to date.

Give to the Max-Doug will add announcements about GTTM on our website and Facebook.

Office Hours-November 22-Doug, December 6-Henry, December 12-Bill, December 20-Scott. Our next Board meeting is December 9.

Collective Access Update-We have 1500+ items on MNCollections. New items are added each week.

Donations-Recent donations include a newspaper article about Leonard Graves Edelen who is credited for starting the running/jogging craze. He was a storied Marathon runner. He is a 1955 Park Grad. Also, Eleven High School Booster Buttons, many duplicates, two are not.

Research question-The Rotary is donating two framed charter certificates.

Doug Brown is coming to do family research about his grandparents Doc and Anna Brown. His brother Steve (recently deceased) has worked with Jeanne before.

Marcie Cummingham is dropping off a retirement plaque related to her husband Partick who was a St. Louis Park Police Officer. She is the granddaughter of Doc and Anna Brown.

A graphic designer was looking for digital aerial photographs of SLP. I directed her to the U of M Boschert Library.

Conservation-Kathy purchased garment bags for some of the collection items in the closet, Letter Jackets, Army Uniforms, etc. She also purchased LP jackets for an LP record which was recently donated. Kathy reported she is deaccessioning two items, a cloth eagle that has too much mouse damage, and a badly faded oversized photograph at the Depot of school children.

Kathy asked for display ideas for the medium display cabinet.

Re-Echo-Bill reported he is working on the next issue about housing in SLP. He helped one of his neighbors with her house and land history.

Century House program-Kathy is working on getting quotes for local companies.

Ted asked us to brainstorm on the idea of a Virtual Open House.

Depot Lighting-December 6, 2025. Arrive at 5pm, Lights on at 6pm, John and Lynne are working on the details and the treats.

Lynne Suggested we work toward having a multimedia screen at the office. We discussed how it might be used. Several people suggested places to purchase this. Ted said he has a TV to donate. He will bring this and we can see how this might be used.

The City Inspector did make a return visit to the building and we are in compliance.

Adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary