

St Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

February 10, 2026

Minutes

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

Minutes-The Minutes of the January Meeting were accepted with three typo corrections.

Treasurer's Report-As Henry was out of town; Ted led the review of the spreadsheet YTD 2025. It had been updated with December changes. The January spreadsheet shows CD values and income. It was suggested we add a line item for CD revenue as we renew them. There was discussion and the report was accepted as written.

Membership- Lynne reported the yearly membership letter is going out February 12. It will go to 333 households. We have 14 new memberships. The Give to The Max fund drive brought in a total of \$940 dollars.

Office Hours-Feb 14-Ted, Feb 21-Rick, Feb 28-Doug, March 7-Jim, March 14-Scott, March 21-no volunteer yet, March 28-Bill.

Our next meeting is March 10, 2026.

Building Sale-Ted reported that the building has been sold to Spencer Johnson. His sister is the building manager. Bill checked market value and we have paid a great deal less than market value all the time we have been here. We wait to hear if there will be lease changes.

Kathy reported that MNCollections has 1541 items uploaded.

Our most recent donations are, Atlas of St. Louis Park, 1939, Small orange and black "Park" banner, Eight matted photographs of St. George's Episcopal Church Rectors, Rotary International Charter 1964, Rotary International Charter 1985, Robert (Bob) Reiss Class of 1941 Reunion Records, Robert (Bob) Reiss High School clippings, memorabilia. Book, "Shadows of Time... Minnesota's Surviving Railroad Depots,"

Jim asked if we had seen the series "Twin Cities Live" is showing about local historical societies. He suggested we might want to participate.

Re-Echo-Bill is covering the 75th Anniversary of Citizen's Bank in the next issue. He continues to research the Rotary.

We discussed how we might celebrate the 250th anniversary of the America, along with some other anniversaries, the City of SLP 140th and the Historical Societies 55th. The City had no celebration plans at this time. Kathy sent out the Making History at 250 materials produced by the American Association of State and Local History. Ted suggested “76” based projects/plans. We can highlight the Bi-Centennial Quilt if that fits the plans.

The idea of making a new quilt was discussed.

We briefly discussed gathering documentation from local political protesters for the collections. The group Allies of St. Louis Park is one of the organizers of local protests.

Lynne shared that the Lenox Men’s group is always looking for presenters. He suggested one of the presentation Bill has already created.

Adjourned,

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary