

## St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

April 7, 2026

### Minutes

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

Minutes-The Minutes were approved with one typo correction. (office hours, March 21)

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet. We have new membership income from the membership reminder and mailing. There was \$5865 in interest income from the CDs in 2025. We requested that Henry add a CD interest income line to the spreadsheet. The CDs have been renewed, two at 3.75% and one at 2.75% for 5 months. Our rent has increased, April is the first month at \$1800. Ted will speak with Rosanne about increasing her rent to supplement ours. The report was accepted.

Membership-We reviewed the report Lynne distributed. The membership letter went out March 4. We have three new members this month. We have 110 current members. There are four business members. We recognize business members on our website. We will remove any who are not current members.

We took a break when there was a loud noise and the power went out in the building. The power pole outside the building caused a grass fire in the south boulevard. Ted called the Fire Department. The police came and extinguished the fire with fire extinguishers. The Fire Department arrived soon after.

We resumed the meeting.

There was discussion about thank you letters to donors.

Office Hours-4/11-Jim, 4/18-Doug, 4/25-Rick, 5/3-Ted, 5/9-Bill.

Our next meeting is May 5, 2026.

Collective Access-Kathy reported that there is slow and steady progress.

Donations-Kathy shared that we received four postcards from Nancy Rose, two of the depots, one of a school being built, and the Star of Bethlehem Garden. Bulletins from Park Baptist Church in the 1940s.

Research questions-Kathy reported, Yiddy Bloom website correction, Bill responded. Westwood Shopping Center, Take and Bake Pizza, I could not find the info they wanted.

The Century House plaque for Thom Miller is ready. Henry picked it up and paid for it.

The Fire Department is asking if we want some records of theirs. Kathy will meet with Deputy Jens Andersen to see what they have.

Re-Echo-The most recent issue is out. Bill reported no theme yet for next issue. Bill collected some Anti-Trump Rally photographs today and they are posted to Facebook.

250<sup>th</sup> USA Anniversary-Ted reported he will be attending a meeting with the city to see what their plans are.

Lynne reported he was not getting responses to the Quilt idea and does not think we should move forward with it.

The building lights went out again, but we continued.

Kathy has done some research about community quilts and is interested in finding some people to help. She showed some ideas. We will continue to discuss it at the next meeting.

John reported that the Depot lights are hanging off the building. The city knows and will rehang them.

Adjourned.