

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

June 9, 2026

Minutes

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

Minutes-We reviewed the minutes and they were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry distributed. It included a donation of 5000 from a business. Ted has contacted our subletter about the rent increase. They will increase payments as of June. Report accented as written.

Membership-We have 121 current members. There was an increase of three this month. There are seven business members.

Lynne preposed a "standing poster" to take to events. He handed out a draft copy. We discussed changes and solidified wording. The draft was approved. Cost will be \$212. There was a motion to purchase this sign, Approved.

Lynne suggested we pay for an ad in the Sun Sailor and ask for an article. Jim will contact them about this.

We discussed an additional membership letter mailing. Then follow it with an email reminder.

Office Hours: 6/13-Scott, 6/20-Parktacular, office closed, 6/26-Ted, 7/4-closed for 4th of July 7/11-Henry.

Next meeting July 7, 2026

Kathy reported that Collective Access is being added to weekly.

We received donations of yearbooks, St. George's photographs, newspaper clippings.

Re-Echo-Bill reported that a new issue will be out soon. We will print more for Parktacular. Bill made a presentation to the Lenox Men's Club; He will make a presentation to Shalome West on Friday. Bill is working on putting his presentations of a thumb drive for the office.

Ted shared that the city will be doing a "then and Now" pot on their social media. Ted will check with them about this.

Ted is attending a city Neighborhood association meeting.

Parktacular-June 20, 1pm-6pm. We reviewed who would set up, man the tent and take down.

The Senior Event at Lenox is June 16, 1pm-3pm. John and Scott will represent us. We discussed what to bring.

We discussed a request we received that we collect stories of protesters and constitutional observers. Several ideas were discussed.

Kathy will reconnect with the Fire Department about some items they want to donate.

Lynne will step down as VP at the end of the year.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary