

St. Louis Park Historical Society Board Meeting

Minutes

July 7, 2026

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

Minutes-The Minutes were accepted with typo corrections.

Treasurer's Report-We reviewed the spreadsheet Henry provided. It was noted that the renter has paid the increased rent for June. The report was accepted as written.

Membership-Lynne reported we have 121 members, five new members for the year. There are seven business members. We discussed another membership mailing. We discussed doing an email membership mailing. We discussed confirming the business donors who have been acknowledged on our website. We discussed an article in the Sun Sailor. Jim has been in contact with them. We discussed press releases.

Office Hours-July 11-Henry, July 18-Ted, July 25-Lynne, Aug 1-Jim, Aug 8-Rick, Aug 22-Henry.

Our next board meeting is August 11.

Kathy reported that a few new things have been added to Collective Access, the Clough family photographs and four 1990s yearbooks.

The latest Re-Echo focuses on The Pavék Museum.

The 250th anniversary project the city was working on has dropped historic Then and Now photographs on Facebook and Instagram. We provided photographs for these posts.

Lynne suggested we ask people to give us their Then and Now photographs or tell a story about SLP.

Bill has been to Shalom Home, and it was suggested we do Oral Histories of the residents.

Scott is working to collect Oral Histories of the Protest and Observers events.

When the Photograph album for the Sewing Club was donated it was suggested we interview some of the members still living.

We attended the Lenox event in June. Some people dropped by.

Ted is going to his Neighborhood Association meeting and giving a brief presentation.

There is a new Council person for Ward 1, and they are sending out a newsletter.

We discussed our Facebook presence. Our posts are getting good feedback and comments.

After finding we still have the old Rec Center address on our website, we have changed all of these to the current address. The gift donation form has been updated to the current address.

We discussed having an event at the Depot this summer. John will work on that. Doug will publicize the Railroad Special Interest Group monthly meetings on Facebook.

We discussed making Facebook appeals for membership quarterly. We will also direct people to sign up for our email list.

Adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Spence Johnson, Secretary