

**Sibley County Historical Society**

**700 Main Street**

**Henderson, Minnesota**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 11, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** Joy Cohrs, Diane Fredin, Becky Briggs, Verne Schlueter, Del Quast, Tom Frauendienst, Shirley Black      Guest: Brian Fredin

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:25 pm.

**Agenda: Approve/deny Agenda**

- Addition to the agenda presented by Becky Briggs:
  - Board Member Opening due to end of term for Holly Harjes.

Motion to approve the agenda and accept the additional item to the meeting agenda was made by Diane Fredin, seconded by Tom Frauendienst. Passed.

**Minutes: Approve/deny October 2025 minutes:**

Note Joy Cohrs name was misspelled, this was corrected. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Diane Fredin, second by Becky Briggs. Passed.

**Treasurer Report: Approve/deny November & December 2025 Treasurer Report**

Reports Prepared by Treasurer Tom Frauendienst were presented by Tom. Received from Charles Meyer was a \$30,000 donation. Tom sent out confirmation of receipt of this donation, along with a thank you to Mr. Meyer. The board extends our thanks to Charles Meyer for his generous donation.

Questions/Discussion:

- Orkin Bill and Services. Tom reviewed the services these bills included.
- Sibley County Financial Support: Tom reviewed that we get \$3,750 quarterly from the County.
- The board members reviewed the expenses and the income.
- \$300 was pledged to SCHS during the recent GiveMN Campaign.

A motion was made by Verne Schlueter to approve the Treasurer's Report. The second was made by Becky Briggs. Passed.

**Old Business:**

1. Grant Process Update: update proposal for construction drawings grant is in process. Dale Johnson from Gaylord is writing the proposal grant for \$19,000. This grant will cover the construction drawings needed for the larger grant for the roof replacement and chimney repairs. The construction drawings grant is due by January 9, 2026.
2. Orkin Pest Control: President Joy Cohrs meet with Mike from Orkin. Mice are being caught in the traps in the basement. During this visit, Mike concentrated on the outside of the house in prevention measures to help eliminate mice from coming into the museum.

- a. A mouse trap with mice in it had been thrown out. President Joy Cohrs asked that traps not be thrown out, but rather the mice be removed and the trap reset.
- b. If needed, Mike from Orkin indicated that they can come more often than the once-a-month schedule currently in place.

### **New Business:**

#### **Log cabin repairs**

- Ruth Ann Buck feedback. Ruth Ann took relatives of the cabin owners on a tour of the cabin. It was noted items that needed repair on the cabin.
  - There is a hole on the west side with window screenings covering the hole, however the window screening has a hole in it.
  - Holes within the cabin.
- Discussion on what to do for repairs on the cabin. We agreed that using new lumber would not be best and distort the originalness of the cabin. After discussion, we will reassess the needs of the cabin in spring.

#### **Winthrop Historical Society: Friday, December 12, 2025 Ken Seeman interview**

- Mr. Seeman is a commercial fisherman in Sibley and Meeker Counties. He harvests carp from local lakes. These carp go to New York as they are a delicacy there. Interview will include learning how Mr. Seeman got started in this business, what is involved, and the sale of carp.

### **Newsletter:**

The latest edition of the newsletter is ready to be mailed.

### **Sibley County Fair:**

- Ruth Ann Buck has taken over the display for the Sibley County Fair building. President Joy Cohrs shared some of the ideas being worked on for the Fair. President Cohrs has asked Ruth Ann Buck to come to the January meeting and update us on the planning of the fair display.

### **Board Member Term Expiring in 2026:**

- Holly Harjes' board term will end in 2026. Discussion was held regarding a board member. Current board members are encouraged to find someone interested in being a board member.

### **Next meeting January 22, 2026**

**Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm. Diane Fredin made the motion to adjourn; Becky Briggs seconded the motion. Passed.

The Board enjoyed Holiday Treats brought in by President Joy Cohrs and Vice President Diane Fredin.

The Board also carried on the tradition of putting candles in the windows of the house facing the street/road.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley A Black, Secretary