

Sibley County Historical Society
Board Meeting
February 27, 2020
Sibley County Museum

Vice President Vicki Stock, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Board Members present: Eldrene Elbert, Mike Reinhardt, Tom Frauendienst, Wendy Evenson, Holly Harjes and Karen Klenk. Visitors present: Judy Loewe, Sharon Haggemiller and Diane Frauendienst

Agenda with three additions was approved with a motion by Tom and second by Eldrene, Passed.

January Minutes were approved by a motion by Mike and second by Holly, Passed.

Treasurer's Report was given with explanation by Tom. He will present a budget for the year at our next meeting. Addition to the budget would be the salary for a Museum Director. Treasurer's Report will be filed for the year end audit.

Vickyji introduced Diane Frauendienst, SCHS Newsletter Publisher to the Board.

Old Business:

Mike was able to resolve the past perfect computer networking problem without hiring someone to help. Thank you Mike for all your work on this.

Selling books/pictures on line will be addressed next month with input from Mike and Eldrene.

Vicki gave an update on what was included with the \$15.00 per plate at the Arlington Haus. Food and gratuity but no dessert for that price. Vicki will purchase small individual cheesecakes to be served with the meal. Tom will keep Vicki informed as to number of tickets have been purchased.

Job description for Museum Director will be discussed at March Board Meeting.

Karen will email the Time Line form to board members and museum office volunteers for more input. Forms with additions should be brought back to March meeting.

Holly presented a plan to the Board to be used as a marketing tool. She would like us to consider reaching out to County officials which include: County Commissioners, City Councils, Township Boards. She would like to invite them to 1 of 3 nights at the museum for tours and refreshments. This would be a way to inform officials as to what their museum has to offer. We will hear more about this at the March meeting.

New Business:

Discussion was held on Membership Guidelines. After some discussion a committee of Diane, Tom, Sharon and Jeff was set up for bringing an updated Policy on how memberships can be traced, mailed and accounted for. At this time approximately 270 newsletters are mailed to membership and approximately 70 newsletters are sent out by email to members. Information will be brought back to the Board at the March meeting.

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Sharon was given information on the Heritage Partnership Program Grant. At this time we are not able to use this Grant.

Sharon requested a repair be made on the Phonograph. She will bring back an estimate from Ralph Schultz at the March meeting for Board approval.

2020 upcoming Newsletter dates will be: May (report on Annual Meeting), Second week in July (report on County Fair schedule), September (County Fair and summer overview), First week in December (Holiday information). Schedule for 2021 Newsletters will be back on regular schedule.(March, July, September and December) Several Board members volunteered to help with the mailings and Holly will notify them to times.

Eldrene gave an overview of the needs from the research committee. She stated that neighboring museums keep the entire copy of newspapers issued in their county. Questions to the Board are: What does the board want in our research library? How do we address space available? What is the long range plan? A committee was formed of Eldrene, Wendy, Karen and Jeff to address these issues and report back to Board.

Decision was made on the summer schedule for the museum. Museum will be open beginning on Memorial Day (1-4 pm) through the last Sunday in October. Each Sunday the museum will be open from 2 - 5 pm during this time.

Marie Main has agreed to be in charge of scheduling guides for the museum. Volunteer training was discussed to be done sometime before opening the museum.

Mike and Todd will work on a Collection Transfer form and present to the Board in March. This form would be filled out anytime an object is moved from one location to another. All volunteers and personnel must use the Collection Transfer form.

Museum display ideas should be presented to the board to keep board updated.

Committee Reports

Research/Genealogy: Eldrene again requested that she wants the Boards input as stated above.

Collections: none given

Education Committee:

Sharon requested SCHS to advertise in the Henderson/Belle Paine newspapers brochure. Motion by Karen to advertise. No second given, motion failed.

Sharon reported that Judy Loewe has programs for June and July completed.

Respectively submitted by
Karen Klenk, Secretary