

Sibley County Historical Society
700 Main Street
Henderson, MN 56044
March 2024 Meeting Minutes
Held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
due to the regular meeting date landing on Maundy Thursday

Attendance: Joy Cohrs, Diane Fredin, Becky Briggs, Verne Schlueter, Del Quast, Tom Frauendienst, Holly Harjes, Shirley Black
Guest: Sharon Haggemiller

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:07 pm.

Agenda: Approve/deny March Agenda:

Added the Following Topics:

- Senior Expo in Winthrop MN – booth
- Microfilming/digitization
- April Meeting Date Change due to the proximity of the Annual Meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda with the above additions was made by Tom Frauendienst, Second by Holly Harjes. Passed.

Minutes: Approve/deny February 2024 minutes.

Corrections:

- Under Treasurer Notes: \$10,000 grant check for the **building** assessment—not roof assessment.
- Bottom of page 1: the date should be **March 2, 2024** rather than April 2, 2024
- Old Business: **Hillcrest** not Hilcrest
- New Business: Jerry will do the **mowing** rather than moving.

Motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections above was made by Tom Frauendienst, Second by Holly Harjes. Passed

Treasurer Report: Approve/deny March Treasurer Report: Presented by Tom Frauendienst.

There were no questions. Motion was made by Becky Briggs to approve the Treasurer's Report. The second was made by Holly Harjes. Passed.

Old Business:

Anniversary-Diane Fredin:

- Diane presented the article she completed for the SCHS newsletter for the Anniversary.
 - o It mainly focused on the house itself.
 - o Focused secondarily on the volunteers. It included a form for members to complete to report back to SCHS on volunteer work done in the past. Charles Meyer would like to recognize the volunteers and this form will help to acknowledge past volunteers.

- Discussion of taking photos of our current volunteers and putting together a slide show: This would be nice for everyone to see what volunteers do and hopefully encourage more volunteers.
- Celebration Food. There have been many ideas reviewed. Diane continues to work on finalizing that aspect of the celebration.
- Tents: Diane obtained pricing for the tents:
 - A tent to hold 275 people will cost \$200
 - A tent to hold 500 people will cost \$500
 Discussion was held on where to place the tent. Two areas of focused attention were the upper part of the cement driveway in front of the addition; the second one was on the lower part of the lawn where an old driveway had been. The rest of the lawn is situated on a hill and would not be ideal for a tent.
- Table and Chairs: Diane Fredin has access to tables and chairs.
- Activities include:
 - Mingling
 - Music Verne Schleuter will round up a group to provide music. The plan is that they are on the porch.
 - Becky Briggs will have the Ostrom Photo Display on the Porch.
- Presenter for the Program will be Charles Meyer
- The Anniversary celebration will be held on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024, 1:00-4:00 pm
- Attendance was discussed. Will plan for 100 people but will watch the reservations as they come in to prepare accordingly.

Annual meeting-Holly Harjes: Holly provided us with an update on the Annual Meeting.

- The Meeting will be held at the Arlington Community Center
- DATE: Sunday, April 28th.
 - 11:30 pm is Check-In.
 - Noon is the Meal
 - 1:00 pm is the meeting.
 - Board Members should be there by 10:30 to set up tables.
 - We will need to take down the tables after the event.
- Hillcrest will be providing the catering. We get to keep the leftover food – so please bring containers to take food home.
- Becky Briggs will check with the center on the audiovisual equipment available for our use.

New Business:

Treasury Audit: Joy, Mike and Tom completed the Treasury Audit.

- All looked good.
- It should be noted that: Copy revenue received should go under Research.
- The donation money jar money should be listed as Admissions.

Newspaper Article on the Anniversary: Joy indicated that she has been in contact with the Sibley County newspapers inquiring about their willingness to print an article for the Anniversary. Kurt

Menk of the Arlington Enterprise will write up an article. Kevin Mattison from the Winthrop News indicated he would print Kurt's article in the Winthrop paper.

- Shirley Black asked that it also be put into the Gibbon paper. She will supply Joy with the contact information for that paper.

Laptop: There are issues with a laptop owned by the museum. Joy showed us the laptop and explained the issues. It is an old laptop. Mike Reinhardt is willing to investigate the costs and obtaining of a new laptop. Motion was made by Diane Fredin to proceed with a new laptop. Holly Harjes seconded the motion. Passed.

Baseball Gloves: The museum has been offered two baseball gloves. Joy showed us a picture of the baseball gloves and read the history of them. Since our theme for the county fair is "Town Ball", it was decided to accept these gloves so that they may be used for the fair display. Del Quast made a motion to accept the gloves. Tom Frauendienst seconded the motion. Passed.

School Tours: Sibley East will be doing school tours of the museum on May 1st. Arlene Busse and Marie Main have indicated that they have enough volunteers for that day.

- Discussion – Should we hand out the free children's books from the MN Historical Society. All agreed we should. There was a concern that we would not have enough books to hand out at the Sibley County Fair. Shirley Black will order another 100 books. (The books are free.) The teachers will be given the books to give to the students when they return to school.
- Discussion – Sharon Haggemiller indicated that they had previously given out pencils. She called the supplier for more pencils, but they have been discontinued. There was discussion that we should get more pencils. No discussion on the details of getting more pencils.

By-Laws / Board Terms: The Annual Meeting is the avenue used to elect new board members. Mike Reinhardt's second term is now up. Joy reviewed possible candidates: Lei Amorim, Alice, and Joe Stroebel.

We spend time in discussion, reviewing the bylaws, and reviewing the state of everyone's term dates. Discussion also included the possibility of asking at the annual meeting if the board terms should be extended. At this time, we will proceed without any changes and an annual meeting election will be held for the open board position.

Senior Expo – Held April 18th at the Berdan Center in Winthrop. Verne Schleuter presented his idea of the SCHS having a table there. The Senior Expo is sponsored by the Gibbon Lions and the Sibley County Veterans. Diane Fredin will call the Sibley County Extension office at 507-237-4100 to see about getting a table/booth.

Microfilm/Digitizing: Diane Fredin received correspondence from someone who can digitize from microfilm. She read the communication to us. After discussion, it was felt to not pursue this service at this time.

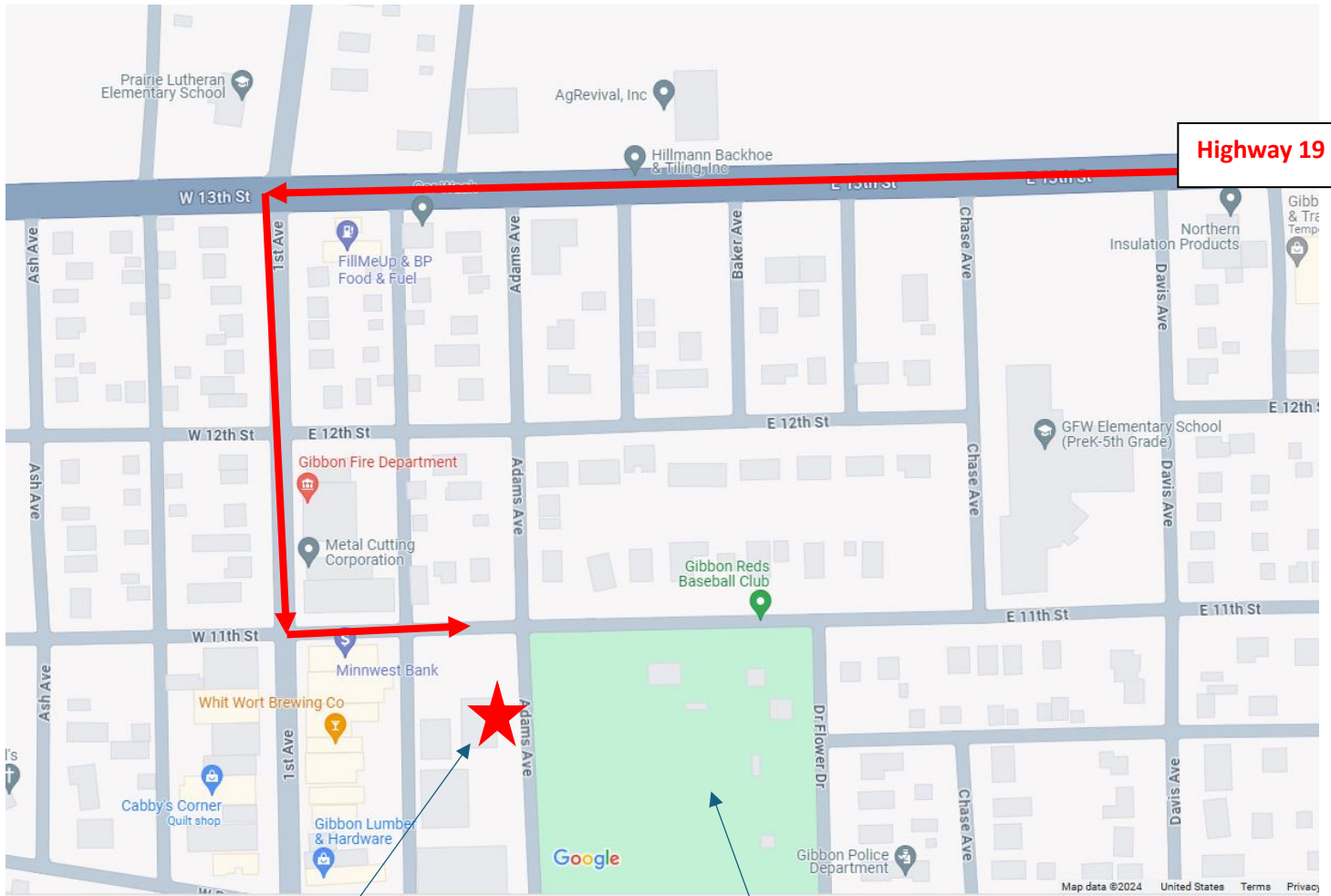
The New Auburn Historical Society will hold an Event on Friday, April 12th, 6:00 pm, at the New Auburn City Hall: Brian Haines "*Where the Big Woods meet the Prairie*". Coffee and cookies served. No charge. Hope to see you.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Annual Meeting is **Sunday, April 28**, at the Arlington Community Center. Please be there by **10:30 am**.
- Due to the Annual Meeting being held near our regular April meeting and the need to discuss any Anniversary items, there will be a meeting on **Thursday May 2nd**. **Please watch for a notice from President Joy Cohrs on the start time of this meeting.**
- May speaker: **May 23rd** 6:30 pm at the Gibbon Library. SCHS will sponsor author Carolyn Sowinski (*The Great Storm: Minnesota's Victims in the Blizzard of January 7, 1873*). **The May SCHS Meeting will be held prior to the presentation at 5:30 pm in the library's computer lab.** The Gibbon Librarian, Kim Holmquist will be putting together the posters. (see attached map)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm - Motion to adjourn made by Tom Frauendienst, Second by Shirley Black.

Respectfully Submitted
Shirley Black, SCHS Secretary



Gibbon Library - 1050 Adams Avenue (between Minnwest Bank and the City Park)



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