

Sibley County Historical Society

700 Main Street

Henderson, Mn 56044

October Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 28, 2021

5 PM

President Jeff DuCharme called the meeting to order at 4:58 pm. The October 2021 meeting was held in the museum.

Board Members present were: Jeff DuCharme, Mike Reinhardt, Diane Fredin, Joy Cohrs, Holly Harjes, Eldrene Ebert, Tom Frauendienst, Vickie Stock, Shirley Black

Visitors present: Arlene Busse, RuthAnn Buck, Sharon Haggemiller

The October agenda was presented by President Jeff DuCharme. Joy made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Sharon Haggemiller to update us on the Henderson Chamber meeting. This was second by Vicki. Motion Passed

Approve / deny September 2021 Minutes. Update received on the correct spelling of the last name "Geronime. The "milk pail" should be corrected to be "feed pail". Map being referred to in the notes should be noted that Arlene and RuthAnn picked up the map at an auction. It had been professionally framed. Mike made a motion to approve with the corrections stated above. Joy second.

Treasurer Report for October, was presented by Treasurer Tom. Donations/memorials have been very good. Sales have been right on. Tom reviewed those memberships purchased now will expire in February 2023.

Other transactions:

Stump removal costs were paid. Eileen tuned in bill for flower and water. Paid. Minnesota Historical Society bill for \$35 institutional membership. Paid. There was a bill for Midwest Art Institute. This will be disregarded.

Vickie made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. It was second by Eldrene.

Sharon Haggemiller reported on the recent Henderson Chamber Meeting. Items from the chamber meeting included:

1. School Voting
2. Henderson "Design Team" needs
 - a. 5 houses
 - b. 200 people to show up
 - c. Need hosts for the team.
3. Bike Trail is under construction.
4. Santa Claus Parade

- a. Question – would SCHS like to contribute money, candy bags, etc.
5. Christmas Ornaments
 - a. T
 - b. Next year the ornament will feature the Museum

After Discussion of whether to support other Sibley County chambers besides Henderson, Joy made a motion to make a cash donation of \$50 to the Henderson Chambers' Santa Claus Parade, second by Holly.

Collection Committee: There was no report this month, as the committee had nothing to review.

A question was addressed to the committee on where the refused items from last month are. They are returned to their owners. If owners do not want their items returned, they maybe tossed.

There is an issue on items that have been put into Past Perfect are missing the entry of where in the museum they have been placed.

Newsletter Update: Holly reported that there are 2 articles to be completed yet. The newsletter will feature an ad for donations and memorials. Holly showed us an example. All thought it was a great idea.

Ann Tracy Exhibit: Ann was in Henderson and meet with President Jeff. The purpose of the visit was to review her exhibit and speaking opportunities. Ann has a collection of photographs from her great aunt Lil Simmer from 1913. Exhibition would run June, July and part of August.

Christmas Exhibit: Holly spoke about the Christmas Exhibit. Holly, Diane Fredin and Donna Johnson will be doing the Christmas Exhibit which will incorporate the current Toy Exhibit. Volunteers are needed for decorating. If you wish to assist in decorating, please contact Holly, who will coordinate the volunteers and museum security system.

Other Updates:

1. Urinal in the men's restroom has been repaired.
2. The furnace has been winterized
3. Sharon indicated that there are supplies that are needed. This includes the encapsulating plastic roll, boxes, misc supplies. She was given the Ok to purchase what she needed.
4. Map on the floor. It was voted to put it on the brickwall.

Resignations:

1. Jeff DuCharme, our SCHS President, has put in his resignation as of December 31, 2021. He has personal matters that will take him away from this area for extended periods of time. (Resignation letter is attached)
2. Vicki Stock, our SCHS Vice President, has put in her resignation (see Vicki's email – Attached). She doesn't have the time to devote to the museum like she would like to.

There was an extended discussion on the next steps to fill these two vacancies. Our first step will be to use word of mouth to recruit for new board members. It was also suggested that we see what other museums are doing for their boards.

Grant Writing Educational Session: Joy reported on the grant writing class she attended. The services of the company that put on the class offer their services in grant writing.

Meeting with John Gliszinski of Sibley County. Holly spoke with John about additional contributions to the museum from Sibley County. She relayed that John felt if there was more known about the museum, it would be good for more contributions. He suggested enhancing our genealogy services. He indicated that the commissioners would be touring Sibley County and would be coming to Henderson to eat at the Roadhouse and then would entertain a tour of the Museum.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley A Black, Secretary

Resignation Email from SCHS President Jeff DuCharme

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Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Dear Sibley County Historical Society Board Member's and Volunteers,

It is with my greatest regret to inform you that I am resigning from the SCHS Board and Museum as of December 31, 2021 unless you deem sooner. Due to my mom's failing health and my good friend Eric who has been diagnosed with Melanoma, I feel my needs are more importantly with them.

Please know I wish you all the best and hope you can sustain the needs of a Museum representing Sibley County and fulfill the interests of up coming generations all people young and and not so young. It's a challenge but you have been successful to date.

Wishing you all the best success.

Jeff DuCharme
SCHS President

Resignation Letter from Vicki Stock, SCHS Vice President

October 28, 2021

Dear Fellow Sibley County Historical Board Members:

With the recent resignation of Jeff DuCharme as the President, I have been pondering how this will affect my responsibility as the Vice President. I am the main caregiver for my aging father, we go south for part of the winter and in the summer months we spend a great deal of time up north; in addition to my membership in a couple of other organizations and committees for my church. It is inevitable that I will need to spend more time at the Museum. Time that I do not have to do an adequate job. I apologize for resigning prior to the Annual meeting, but the Board needs someone that has the time necessary to be a leader; I am not able to provide that time.

I find it necessary to turn in my resignation as the Vice President and Board member of the Sibley County Historical Society. I have enjoyed the time I've spent as a Board member and appreciate the time and energy each of you put in as Board members. I wish all of you the best as you move forward in the best interest of the Museum.

This resignation will be effective January 1, 2022.