

Sibley County Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes
700 Main Street
Henderson, MN 56044
Online "Zoom" Meeting – Annual Meeting
Sunday, April 25, 2021 1:00 PM

President Jeff DuCharme called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm as an online Zoom Meeting. Board Members present were Eldrene Ebert, Vicki Stock, Tom Frauendienst, Mike Reinhardt, Joy Cohrs, Holly Harjes, Wendy Evenson and Shirley Black. Absent: Joy Cohrs and Holly Harjes.

Visitors: Diane Frauendienst, Sharon Haggenmiller, Ruth Ann Buck, Arlene Busse, Karen Klenk, Judy Loewe, Rich Nagel, Kathleen a guest from Idaho.

Opening remarks from Present Jeff DuCharme

- Introduction of Board Members

Annual Meeting Agenda: Motion made by Vicki, second by Tom to approve the April Annual Meeting agenda. Motion Passed.

March 2021 Secretary Report: Motion made by Eldrene, second by Mike to accept the March Minutes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report: There are three Treasurer Reports to approve

March Treasurer report, April Treasurer Reports have been mailed to board members.

Treasurer's Report – motion to approve the March and April Treasurer reports by Wendy, second by Shirley. Motion Passed.

Annual Treasurer's report was present (copies in attached Slide show). Annual report was additionally audited by Mike Reinhardt and Joy Cohrs.

Motion to approve the Annual Treasurer's report was made by Vicki, seconded by Eldrene. Motion Passed.

- Words from Tom: Recapped membership. 268 members, that includes paid, complimentary and life-time members. As of the last issue of the newsletter, notices of unpaid dues were sent as well (not paid as of December 2020). 15 members did pay. That leaves 54 delinquent members.

We discussed sending a letter/postcard to them in a separate mailing. (question from a quest was the cost of membership and the benefits – this was explained). Tom/Diane will put something together and they will run it by the board for input. Plan is to get that out this week.

Sibley County Fair: it is planned to happen this year. Discussion of what the exhibit would look like for the building was discussed. It was discussed having an exhibit of maps. Additional Discussion was to have an exhibit of towns within the county. The board is to give it some thought. In the May meeting we will determine that the exhibit will be. It is noted that depending on how things proceed with COVID the fair may not be able to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

Amazon Smile: This fundraiser donation opportunity was discussed and explained. If you order from Amazon – indicate which charity you would like a percentage of your purchases to go to. (see slide for additional information). We discussed putting this into the SCHS newsletter, Facebook and web site.

Virtual Tour of items in the Museum by Arlene Busse. (Slides of her presentation are included in the attachment.)

2021 Opening of Museum: The museum will open on Memorial Day. Masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizer will be required.

Voting for 3 Director positions:

1. Vicki Stock, Current Visit President term is up. Vicki is running for a 2nd term.
2. Mike Reinhardt, Board at Large, term is up. Mike is running for a 2nd term.
3. Wendy Evenson, Board at Large, Term is up. Wendy is not seeking another term.
4. Diane Fredin has volunteered to run for a Board position.
5. Jeff opened up the floor for other nominations. None were received.

Shirley opened up the voting options of Zoom. Instructions were to vote for three candidates. We took a moment to complete the polling. Results were tabulated on the fly by the Zoom program. All SCHS members could vote.

The final tabulation: Vicki and Mike were reelected to their current roles. Diane Fredin was voted as the newest board member.

Thank you was given to Wendy Evenson. Thanks to Arlene for the “virtual visit”

Volunteers are welcome! Shirley has a volunteer. She will get her in contact with Jeff. Volunteer opportunities included outside work, inside work – cleaning display, tours, Sharon’s duties etc.

Discussion of outside maintenance items needed were discussed.

Our Guest from Idaho asked questions about the museum. Her questions were answered. She explained who she was and what her connection to Sibley County was. She was looking for additional historical information regarding her relatives, including land records, etc. She was very interested in looking for newspaper articles. Her questions were addressed/answered.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

Submitted by Shirley A. Black

SCHS Secretary