

Sibley County Historical Society  
Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2025 5:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** The meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:34 p.m. In attendance were Joy Cohrs, Diane Fredin, Tom Frauendienst, Holly Harjes, Verne Schlueter, Del Quast, Alice Strobel, and Becky Briggs. Absent : Shirley Black.

**Agenda:** Two additions were made to the agenda – a Didra visit, and hard copies of recent/current newspapers. The agenda with two additions was approved by Alice and seconded by Diane. Passed unanimously.

**Secretary's Report:** The August 28, 2025 minutes were approved by Verne, seconded by Tom. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom noted he September 2025 Treasurer's report had double entries for the City of Henderson and for Northwest Gas. He will look into that. Tom had a question about the cost of an Ancestry subscription; it has apparently recently increased. There was some discussion about use of that web site. Verne moved the Treasurer's report be approved; seconded by Becky. Unanimously passed.

**Old Business:**

1. "What's It?" winner at the fair was a 12-year-old. There was some discussion about the value of a gift membership as his prize. It was decided to leave as is and send him the newsletter.
2. Grant update: Joy received two bids for the chimney repair. One was for \$148,XXX, and the other for \$66,XXX. We have 7 chimneys; one of the quotes was for doing work on only 5 of them. One bid mentioned replacing broken bricks; the other made no mention of that. The bids will be examined again. The two companies involved are Restoration Systems and Innovative Masonry Restoration. Kato Roofing has been contacted about replacing the slate roof with metal, but that may be a dead end.
3. Joy showed us the recent article in *The Land* about the SCHS museum. Thanks for making this happen! It is good publicity.
4. Tabled from the August meeting was a discussion about changing a title on the Treasurer's report from "Admission" to "Admission Donations." The change was okayed.

**New Business:**

1. The fall cleanup date will be Saturday, October 18, starting at 9:00 a.m. Bring tools, etc.
2. Next year's fair display was discussed. The committee currently consists of Ruth Ann Buck (Chair), Eldrene Ebert, and Becky Briggs. There was some concern about the chosen topic, especially the title. The committee will discuss that. Diane says she has an item to use for next year's "What's It?"
3. Added agenda item #1: Didra family members plan to visit the museum on November 7. Diane will add death dates for the children to the signage in the cabin.
4. Added agenda item #2: There is concern among the research staff that we are missing some of the more recent obituaries. After the meeting Joy contacted Shirley Black, who will try to get Gibbon obituaries going forward.

**Meeting Odds and Ends:**

- Vos Construction has not submitted a bill for fixing the basement water leak.
- Diane and Verne will interview Ken Seeman of Gaylord for an upcoming newsletter article.

**Adjourn:** Alice made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom. Unanimously passed. Adjournment was at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Briggs, substituting for Shirley Black