

**Sibley County Historical Society**  
**700 Main Street**  
**Henderson, MN 56044**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 27, 2022**

Interim President Shirley Black called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Shirley Black, Joy Cohrs, Mike Reinhardt, Diane Fredin, Holly Harjes, Eldrene Ebert, Tom Frauendienst; Ruth Ann Buck

**The Agenda** was presented and approved upon a motion by Joy Cohrs, second by Tom Frauendienst.

**Secretary's Reports:** Minutes of December 9, 2021 and December 27, 2021 were approved upon a motion by Tom, second by Eldrene with one correction to the December 27, 2021 minutes: the name Cindy Reinarts should be corrected to Cindy Jacklyn.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom noted that some of the dates printed as 2021 should be 2022 on the January Income page. Because there may be excess-needed funds in the checking account, Tom may add \$10,000 to a Edward Jones C.D. in the coming weeks. One new 2022 expense will be the painting (by Dick Morarity) of the porch area in early spring. Diane noted that she had issued a check on January 9, 2022 for a SCHS family membership which was not noted on the January 2022 Income Report. A check was found shortly thereafter in the kitchen. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Diane and seconded by Eldrene. Discussion was had on the requested donation for the construction of a walk and bike trail coming through Henderson. It was decided more information was needed. Tom will obtain further information and the request was tabled to a future meeting decision.

**Old Business:**

1. Christmas Events held on January 2 & 9, 2022 – Holly reported that 2 books and one SCHS membership were given away as prizes. The decorations have been packed in boxes and local school children will be asked to take the boxes to the attic for storage. It was noted that the new mic system (on hand) needs to be installed as it was difficult to hear the program speakers. Joy felt that only two programs need to be held at the Christmas event/s as the third scheduled program did not happen this year. Everyone commended Holly for a good job done!
2. Board Recruitment – Shirley Black has agreed to President interim until elections and Diane Fredin has agreed to Vice President interim until elections. Diane Frauendienst has declined the Secretary interim positions. Board members will continue recruiting for president and vice president positions as well as board member positions.
3. SCHS Newsletter – Shirley Black will create the content and printing of the newsletters. Other board members will help. The next newsletter is due March, 2022.
4. Porch painting – Dick Morarity will paint in spring 2022.
5. Collections and De-accession Policy – a revised policy was presented by Vicki in December, 2021. The December 2021 report was gone over with no actual decisions made as to what should or should not be included in the revised Policy. It was found that the Policy put into effect by Amy was lengthy and not currently being totally adapted by the Society. It was decided that other museums should be visited for information on their collection policies. Eldrene will call the Renville Historical Museum and set up a date for a visit. Board members who noted they would like to go were Holly, Mike, Diane, Eldrene and Ruth Ann. It was decided that a committee would start working on the many books being stored—some items have no indication as to former owner/s or any association with Sibley County. Board members Holly and Joy have volunteered to work with

committee members on this project. A revised policy is tabled for now until recommendations are received from the people working on book items (Bibles, etc.) not displayed but stored.

**New Business:**

1. Collection Committee (Vicki, Wendy, Mike) Report - Mike reported there was no report this month.
2. School Book sales – Joy has talked to several libraries in Sibley County. Joy will take a case of books to Gaylord Library to sell, Henderson has said they would sell, Winthrop & Gibbon have said they do not want to sell the books. Libraries are to reimburse SCHS \$20 for each book sold. Steve currently has books for sale on eBay for \$35 but will reduce that price to \$25. Prices approved on a motion by Eldrene, second by Mike.
3. New copier – Diane has found a copier (Ricoh MP C2504EX) that prints black and white and colored copies and can be hooked up to existing computers for printing; prints up to 11” x 18” paper; two paper drawers and a bypass tray. Maintenance fee is based on number of copies printed during a quarter. Cost: \$3,190 plus sales tax. A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Holly to approve the purchase. Diane suggested that payment for the machine be made out of Charles and Donna Meyer’s \$15,000 December 2021 donation. All agreed.
4. Alarm System – Mike stated that the alarm system technician found that some sensors were not working and some batteries were not installed correctly. The system was gone over with Mike by the technician as to where sensors were as well as how the system works and can work. Mike will be working on revising programs (arming, disarming on certain days and hours of the day). It was found that one telephone line is not being used and will be canceled with the telephone company.
5. Year-end Financial Audit Committee – Mike and Joy will audit Tom’s books on February 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
6. Annual Meeting – to be held the last Sunday of April, 2022 (tentatively set for April 24, 2022). After all arrangements have been set, an invite will be put into the March 2022 Newsletter. Shirley will check on speakers (possible: Martha Gruening Nasch (Lehman), relative of Arlene Busse, who has published a book of *Poems From the Asylum* about her life story); Joy will check on availability of Service Center; other options mentioned were the Court House in Gaylord or Hahn’s in Winthrop. Further discussion tabled to next meeting.
7. Holly questioned “Who’s On First?” A list was gone over as to who was responsible for what at SCHS.

President Interim Shirley Black **adjourned** the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Fredin  
Acting Secretary