

Sibley County Historical Society
700 Main Street
Henderson, MN 56044

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 24, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:00 pm.

Attending: Joy Cohrs, Becky Briggs, Diane Fredin, Verne Schlueter, Del Quast, Tom Frauendienst, Holly Harjes, Shirley Black

Guests: Sharon Haggemiller, Ken Seemann (Gaylord)

Agenda: Approve/deny August agenda. Diane Fredin made a motion to approve the agenda, Verne Schlueter seconded the motion. Passed

Minutes: Approve/deny July Meeting 2023 minutes. Diane Fredin made a motion to approve the minutes. Becky Briggs seconded the motion. Passed

Treasurer Report: Approve/deny August 2023 Treasurer Report. Shirley Black made a motion to approve the August Treasurer report, while Diane Fredin seconded the motion. Passed.

Treasure Updates from Tom Frauendienst, Treasurer:

- New Sign Bill – Tom received the sign bill at the meeting and will pay the bill.
- Orkin Pest Control has started.

Old Business:

Sibley County Fair Recap – what was good or bad – Note that Judy Lowe had made a list during the fair. Judy has not turned this list in.

- Becky Briggs provided us with an update on Ostrom Photos identified (5) and she has 2 pictures that had leads.
- Memberships – three memberships were obtained.
- Sales were good on the book items.
- All agreed it was a successful exhibit.

Holiday plans - Holly: The team of volunteers would like the board to provide the directive. After discussion – it was decided to forego the Christmas event and put efforts into the Anniversary Activity.

75th Anniversary: Discussion. Joy presented a couple of commemorative ideas: 1.) a small crock, 2.) paper weight – Joy presented a paper weight sample. All agreed that a commemorative item would be good. Continued discussion at the upcoming meetings.

New Business:

Newsletter – Holly: The post office reported some issues with the newsletter getting stuck in the mailing equipment which caused the newsletter to crumple and block the machine. It was asked by the post office that all open sides of the folded newsletter be taped to help prevent this issue.

Orkin Pest Control: Orkin has started services in the museum.

Anything else?

What's it? Joy presented a "gadget" to the group which was felt could be used in the guessing game at the Sibley County Fair next year. (Stay tuned until next year's fair to find out what the gadget is.)

Traxler Barn Books: Harriet Traxler's husband provided permission for the use of the photos, books as related to the Barns of Sibley County and the Murder in Faxon Township. Harriet's son has all the equipment (Printer, Binders, materials, and the files) and will be delivering this to the Museum. Volunteer Lei Morium has suggested we use the printer for printing other museum materials.

Out House: Del Quast was approached by someone who would like to donate an outhouse which could be placed next to the cabin. The outhouse has been used as a woodshed and doesn't have seats in it any longer. Following discussion, it was decided not to pursue the outhouse building.

Roof Update: Joy has been working on getting roof assessments and is currently working with ISG in Mankato. Joy has also been in contact with the MN Historical Preservation Society. Assessments are needed to apply for a grant to assist in covering roof costs.

There was discussion as to why we are thinking about replacing the roof. After discussion, it was felt that the assessment should be done so that the board will have professional feedback on the condition of the roof. Joy will continue with her work in this area.

Volunteer Roles: Holly Harjes speaking on behalf of the volunteers would like to present the following changes on their behalf:

- 1.) Arlene Busse and Marie Main would step down from being the leads in the displays. They wish to continue to volunteer as assistants to the team.
- 2.) Susan Mathwig and Holly Harjes would step up and become leads of the displays.

The board approved these changes.

Celebration of WWII: A display is being planned for the WWII anniversary. The display committee is concerned that they may not have enough WWII items to display. After accessing these available items, the committee will let the board know of their findings.

Memorial Thank You! Thank you of great appreciation was provided to Holly Harjes, for the memorial money given in memory of Holly's husband Roger, who passed in July. Holly indicated that she would like the money to be set aside for the roof project.

Adjournment –The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm. Motion made by Diane Fredin, seconded by Shirley Black. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Shirley Black, SCHS Secretary

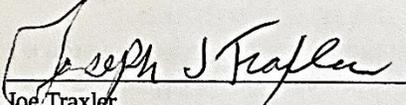
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Future Ideas - Fair or Museum

- I. Holidays & Calendars
- II. Military uniforms thru the Wars
- III. New Auburn - Civil War - Banner
- IV. Feature veterans
Adam Beck, — — —
- V. Continue ^{the} Rotation of Towns
to present themselves
- VI. Town Baseball teams ANY Teams
- VII. Active Women's teams
- VIII. Celebrate 75th
Annual mtg Kickoff
Summer Porch Parties
once month cookies & drinks
- IX. Current Manufacturing in County
- X. Big Woods History
- XI. County Fairs History