

Sibley County Historical Society  
Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:42 pm at the office of the society.

**Members present:** Joy Cohrs, Tom Frauendienst, Holly Harjes, Del Quast, Vern Schlueter and Alice Strobel. Missing: Shirley Black, Becky Briggs and Diane Fredin

**Agenda** was reviewed and the following items were added: Accession and Deaccession items to be approved and a new donation to be accepted. Discussion on writing an article for the Land Magazine. Additions to the agenda were unanimously accepted.

**Minutes** from our April Meeting were reviewed. It was discussed that the lawn care cost should be \$65.00 not \$50.00, with that, a motion was made to change the lawn care cost to \$65.00 by Alice Strobel and was seconded by Tom Frauendienst, motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Report** was presented by Tom Frauendienst, Tom pointed out a typographical error on the SCHS Monthly Treasurer's Report showing Expenses of \$1,587.42, it should be \$1,696.15. Vern asked if the city assessment was paid and Tom said it will be paid in June. After further review, there was with no further questions. A motion by Vern Schlueter to accept the Treasurer's report with changes discussed was seconded by Joy Cohrs, motion carried unanimously,

### **Old Business**

**Annual meeting recap:** Joy Cohrs mentioned that she received a lot of compliments on our speaker, Doug Ohman. Board agreed. Joy also brought up the price of the ticket may not have needed to be that high. After discussion it seemed to be the consensus of the board it was okay.

**School Tour:** Joy Cohrs said that the students were a little late, she found out that the JR Bown center was not open for the tour. She did not realize that SCHS needs to call JR Bown center to open up for the tours. So, the entire time the students stayed at the museum. They added a trip to the research office for the students they were very interested in the surname files. Found it cool that there was a file on their names.

Joy also suggested that we order pencils to give out the students as they leave as a gift for coming to the museum and note pads for the fair give away. Motion by Alice Strobel to purchase pencils and note pads, was seconded by Tom Frauendienst, motion carried unanimously.

**Cleanup Day:** Joy Cohrs, Vern Schlueter and Lois Braun were the only ones that showed up.

Joy and Vern did some outside cleanup and Lois planted some shrubs. Joy also asked Tom to pick up some salt for the water softener and to check into whether the softener is functioning correctly.

## **New Business**

**County Fair:** Holly Harjes is working on this year, but it would be her last.

A letter was sent to the Mayors or Administrators of each city asking for donations of advertising memorabilia from their city. The letter was also put on Facebook. Joy also spoke with Dwight to help locate items from Arlington, Joy is working on New Auburn, Alice will work on Gaylord.

**Opening Day:** First day at the museum will be Memorial Day. Joy will staff it and if anyone else can you are certainly welcome to help.

**Other Items to discuss:** Alice Strobel presented a set of Tin Type plates to be accepted for the museum and also documents that have no connection to Sibley County resident, documents such as passports from Italy, naturalization documents to U.S. It was decided to accept the tin types and turn down the donation of passport etc., it was suggested to give to Becky for possible sale.

Alice also requested the deaccession of items numbered 1995.175.1a -1d from the August Minge collection due the condition. Joy made a motion to deaccession those items, motion seconded by Alice, motion carried unanimously.

Second item presented for deaccession were fair ribbons from the Wieman collection also due to condition. Joy made a motion to deaccession the fair ribbons, motion was seconded by Vern, motion carried unanimously.

Alice also made a request for copies of the Henderson Independent for the museum, so we don't have to buy a subscription. Del Quast volunteered to bring in his Henderson Independent. Vern Schlueter suggested that we enter an article about the museum in the Land Magazine. Joy started she has an article already written and would contact the magazine about possible entry in the magazine.

Vern also brought in a polka music album. It was in mint condition and it was decided to send it home with him because the museum does not have any equipment to play it on.

**Adjourn:** Next meeting is June 26, 2025. The June meeting usually off site. One idea was to tour the Sibley County Courthouse, but if anyone else comes up with an idea contact Joy. Motion made by Vern Schlueter to adjourn it was seconded by Tom Frauendienst, motion carried unanimously.