

Sibley County Historical Society
700 Main Street
Henderson, MN 56044

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 25, 2023

Call meeting to order President Joy Cohrs at 5:00 pm.

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

Guests: Sharon Haggemiller

Agenda: Approve/deny May agenda. Shirley Black made a motion to approve the agenda, Tom Frauendienst seconded the motion.

Minutes: Approve/deny Annual Meeting 2023 minutes. Becky Briggs made a motion to approve the Annual Meeting 2023 minutes. Tom Frauendienst seconded the motion. Passed.

Treasurer Report: Approve/deny May 2023 Treasurer Report. Holly Harjes made a motion to approve the May Treasurer report, while Shirley Black seconded the motion. Passed.

Tom reviewed the treasury happenings.

- Plunket's Pest Control. After Discussion it was decided to investigate another pest control company due to the last of response from Plunkets. Tom will get bids for Orkin Pest Control.
- Questions about the break-down of expenses. There was a request to keep track of the spending of the larger donations recently received.
- Tom explained the CD's the society currently has.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting plans – Sunday, April 23 at Hahn's in Winthrop

- The meeting was reported as going very well. It ran smoothly.

School Tour on May 12th:

- A total of 88 children/teachers attended. Although it was busy, it went well. Thanks to the volunteers for running with this.

Update on Signs:

- Handicapped signs are done and need to be put up. Joy will oversee this.
- The big museum sign was discussed. It will be put up after June 10th with the party putting it up has the extra help he needs. We discussed placement and all agreed to put it in the same spot. Joy will oversee this.

New Business:

Collections Committee Holly Harjes made a motion to approve Collection Committee report, while Tom Frauendienst seconded the motion. Passed.

Sharon Haggemiller reported that some cookbooks were dropped off. They are not needed for the museum's collection.

Museum Opening: Museum opens on Memorial Day. Then will be open Sundays after that. Marie Main is handling the scheduling of volunteers. Mike Reinhardt will ensure that the doors are open.

Bits & Pieces books – Holly: There are 7 cases of Bits & Pieces books. Suggestion is to sell them for \$5.00 (originally they were \$15.00). Holly Harjes made a motion to approve selling the books for \$5.00 while Becky Briggs seconded the motion. Passed.

Scavenger Hunt – Holly. Holly showed a potential brochure which could be handed out to visitors. The brochure will assist visitors in their tour. There is a tear off area in which visitors could answer some questions about the museum and turn it in at the end and be turned in for a drawing. Shirley Black volunteered to put Holly's drawing into a brochure format.

75th Anniversary 2024 ideas:

- Start the kick-off with the Christmas event.
- Sauerkraut Days – possibility of doing something. Discussion: Too much going on in town. It was tried in the past, but had very low attendance.

Museum 2023 season prep work:

- Good job to Judy Brandt Savage for cleaning (RuthAnn Referral)
- Good job to Susan Mathwig for decorating and rearranging.

Off-site Meeting Suggestion – Verne Schleuter

- Verne is working on seeing about the possibility of holding a meeting at the farm of Lawrence Crawford. Lawrence has a large music collection including an organ.

Next Meeting is June 22^d, 2023 @ the museum.

Adjournment –The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm. Unanimously agreed.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley Black, SCHS Secretary