

**Sibley County Historical Society
700 Main Street
Henderson, MN 56044
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2022 (February Meeting)**

Interim President Shirley Black called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M.

Board Members present: Shirley Black, Mike Reinhart, Diane Fredin, Holly Harjes, Tom Frauendienst, Eldrene Ebert. Visitors: Sharon Haggemiller and Judy Loewe.

The agenda was presented and approved upon a motion by Diane Fredin and second by Tom Frauendienst.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of January 27, 2022 were approved upon a motion by Tom Frauendienst and second by Mike Reinhart,

Treasurer's Report- Temperature control in the museum was discussed due to keeping the thermostat at 69 in the workroom, then raise it to 72 when workers were there. The museum is set at 65. The request for \$50.00 from the MN River Valley Scenic ByWay was again discussed. But more information as to how SCHS will benefit from it. Tom will check. Tom called attention to the \$300.00 freight charge on the University Products Bill and suggested products be ordered from someone else. The Spring Touch lawn care bill of \$374.00 was discussed and Tom was to check with them if three applications would be enough. The water bill was very high as a result of the water softener not working properly. After discussion the Treasurer's report was approved upon a motion made by Holly Harjes and second by Diane Fredin.

The annual audit of the treasurer records was completed by Mike and Joy. Everything seemed to be in order.

Board Recruitment - No one was found. Tom will check on another lead.

The March newsletter is in progress. Tom and Diane Frauendienst will take care of printing the usual 250 copies, but thought 200 may be enough according to post office regulations.

The Ann Tracy summer display will be set up on May 25 and May 26. She and her sister are planning a reception on Saturday, June 4th She will be taking home

about 10 of her pictures and will leave the rest through the season. SCHS will be responsible to return the remainder of the pictures to her.

Revised Collections Policy. Eldrene gave a report on to the inquiries made. She talked to the director in Renville County and was told that this is risky and a two year process. They have not done this and their director suggested that we call Todd Mahon, field representative from the State Historical Society. His number is 651-259-3492. Beverly Swenson McLeod County collections manager said they have a committee of 3-4 members and a policy they go by. She said to be sure we keep a record of what happened to the items deaccessioned. Holly reported on her project of sorting through some old books and bibles. and identifying those that have pertinent information. The board wanted to have the current collections committee to work through this.

Plans for Annual Meeting - Speaker Dwight Grabitske, speaking on genealogy, was confirmed; the Sibley County Service Center and Hahn's Restaurant in Winthrop, have been contacted. Hahn's Restaurant has later been confirmed who will also do the catering for \$9.50 a plate which includes two meats. Final charges will be determined later. The date chosen is April 24. Diane Fredin and Holly Harjes volunteered to be on the committee to make final arrangements.

New dates have been set to install the copier are March 15 and 16.

Gaylord Library agreed to help with the sales of the school book.

There was no collections report.

Mike reported on the speaker that was purchased several years ago. He has it set up and running and plans to use it for the annual meeting.

The LeSueur County Historical. Society will visit March 4th at 1:00. Sharon Haggemiller, Mike Reinhart, Eldrene Ebert, Ruth Ann Buck have agreed to meet with them and explain their part in the process we use,

Programs planned for the season are as follows: June - Ann Tracy; July- Mark Meyer; August - Foster System in Winthrop; Diane Fredin- .
Collection of hats and tour of Winthrop Museum.

The meeting was adjourned around 6:30 by a motion from Diane and second by Mike.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldrene Ebert

Acting Secretary