

Sibley County Historical Society
700 Main Street
Henderson, Minnesota

Meeting Minutes for Meeting held on Thursday January 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
At Sibley County Museum

Attendance: Joy Cohrs, Becky Briggs, Verne Schlueter, Alice Strobel, Holly Harjes, Del Quast, Shirley Black

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:30 pm.

Agenda: Approve/deny Agenda:

- Added: Annual Meeting

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition was made by Shirley Black, second by Verne Schlueter. Passed.

Minutes: Approve/deny November/December 2024 minutes:

- An extra letter was in one of the names. The secretary will make the correction.
Motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction was made by Becky Briggs, Second by Holly Harjes. Passed.

Treasurer Report: Approve/deny January 2025 Treasurer Report:

Presented by President Joy Cohrs.

A motion was made by Becky Briggs to approve the Treasurer's Report. The second was made by Verne Schlueter. Passed.

Old Business:

Christmas Event – comments?

Discussion: Received was a comment that the house looked wonderful. The turnout however was low. Discussion on when it would be the most optimal time for a Christmas Event in the future. Suggestions include the first Sunday after Thanksgiving or holding the event in January. Dee from The Henderson Classic Glass Shop sold several of her plate angels and donated the sales to the museum. Thank you, Dee!

New Business:

Orkin Pest Control – Tom:

President Joy Cohrs noted that a trap was found with a mouse in it. Upon talking with Tom, the service approved for an extra visit for rodent control last month was not fulfilled. Tom will get that scheduled.

Grant Update

President Joy Cohrs presented the final report, which submitted by the deadline, which was the end of 2024. Joy reviewed some of the roof estimates from the report. Just under \$150,000 for a tin roof, and under \$200,000 to replace the roof with the same tile material. The chimney repairs were estimated at approximately \$50,000.

The next step will be applying for a large grant which will hopefully encompass the replacement bills. President Joy Cohrs suggested we get a professional/experienced grant writer to complete that grant. President Joy Cohrs and Board Member Alice Strobel will research grant writers.

Annual Meeting:

- There was a suggestion for having the meeting at Hahn's in Winthrop. Several agreed with this suggestion. No final meeting place was decided on and will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- Date: Sunday, April 27, 2025 – per the Society's standing rules (4th weekend in April).
- Discussion on a speaker. Do we get a speaker who costs more to bring in more people? Attendance hasn't been very high lately and the thought that if we paid for a well-known speaker, we may get more attendees. Several speaker options were discussed. Secretary Shirley Black will contact the MN State Historical Society to see if they have a list of speaker possibilities for us to contact. Discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

County Fair - Holly:

Board Member Holly Harjes presented the idea that was discussed by the group of volunteers working on the county fair display. The idea presented was each town doing a calendar of their holidays/special events. Continued discussion was scheduled for next month's meeting.

Any Other:

Board Member Alice Strobel presented items found in the museum that were not necessarily related to Sibley County History. She asked for feedback, answers to questions she had on these items. Items included photographs from outside of Sibley County, a manual to a Quick Stitch device, other article items. Becky Briggs reviewed the photographs and will be putting them up for sale on eBay. Present Joy Cohrs presented two folders found of personal items (bank statements, personal health items, etc.) One folder was identified as the mother of a Gaylord resident. Joy will reach out to the family to have them returned. The other folder still needs more investigation to find the family/person they belong to.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shirley Black with a second by Becky Briggs. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Shirley Black, SCHS , Secretary