

Sibley County Historical Society, Henderson, MN
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2022

The yearly event began with a dinner of chicken, roast beef, red potatoes, salad, carrots, bread sticks & a cream cheese dessert served by and at Hahn's Dining, Winthrop, MN at 12 noon. Everyone was very satisfied with the food and service.

The Annual Business Meeting was called to order by Interim President Shirley Black at 1 p.m. Shirley greeted the guests present (David & Marie Main, Joe & Alice Strobel, Don & Betty Strobel, Bonnie Weltsch, Eldrene Ebert, Ruth Ann Buck, Mike Reinhardt, Becky & Steve Briggs, Renee Schlueter, Diane Neubarth, Betty Brandt, Joy Cohrs, Susan Mathwig, Karen Klenk, Pat & Dale Ericson, Delano Quast, Lee Amorum, Diane Laabs, Holly Harjes, Kurt Menk, Arlene Busse, Judy Loewe, Brian & Diane Fredin, Dwight Grabitske, Pat Grabitske, Shirley Black, Sharon Haggemiller, Larry & Sharon Sickmann, Tom Frauendienst, Verne Schlueter and individually introduced the current Board Members.

Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report – the 2021 audited report was presented by Treasurer Tom Frauendienst noting that the \$5,310 for maintenance included a new air conditioning unit. This year there will be an outside painting cost of \$4,000+. Soon, the slate roof will be in need of repair.
2. Secretary's Report - Even though a documented copy of last year's meeting, which was held via zoom with few attending, was not available it was reminded that Arlene Busse did take everyone on a virtual zoom tour of the Museum.
3. Accessions Report – Sharon Haggemiller advised that all items in the Museum should be included in the accessions computer directory soon. Tour guides are very much needed and guide training sessions and information is available. Call Sharon if you are interested. They are currently also working on an Art Display which will be available for the Memorial Day Opening. Third graders from Sibley East have requested a visit to the Museum on May 12. At least five guides are needed. Half of the 75 will be touring the adjacent Joseph R. Brown Center while the other half will be touring the Museum, then reversing. In the past, student tours have been charged at \$1 per student. A motion was made by Karen Klenk to charge each student \$1 and motion was seconded. Motion approved. The Strobel family of four (Joe, Alice, Don & Betty) have volunteered to be tour guides on May 12.
4. A Collections Committee Report was not available this year. However, it was noted the purpose of this committee is to report to the board on a monthly basis the items they received and items they feel should be included in the Museum's holdings and those they felt should not because they were duplicates or were not Sibley County related. The board has the final decision. Items rejected are returned to the donors.
5. Education Committee Guide Report – Marie Main reported that the Museum was open 22 Sundays last year; only two Sundays had no visitors. Approximately 195 visitors toured the Museum during the 2021 summer. The Sibley County Fair brought 618 visitors (including some from 8 other states) to the Museum's exhibit building.
6. Research Report – Eldrene Ebert stated her group (including Ruth Ann & Arlene) works on research every Thursday from 9 to 1. They collect newspaper clippings from all area newspapers, clipping obituaries and human interest articles. A sheet (attached) was passed to those present indicating what their work involves. In 2021 they did 36 requested searches.

7. Ostrom Photos – Becky Briggs had a projector set up with the photos not identified by anyone. Identifying slips were available on all tables for anyone who might be able to identify one or more. Last year 37 photos were identified by the public. Several newspapers in the area run a photo in their papers each week. The public’s help is so appreciated.

New Business:

Nominations for Board Members:

President – Joy Cohrs, finishes former President’s term which is

Vice President – Diane Fredin, finishes former Vice President’s term which is

Secretary – Shirley Black, 1st term as Secretary

Board Member at Large – Verne Schlueter, finishes Joy Cohrs’ term which is

Board Member at Large – Becky Briggs, finishes 1st term of Diane Fredin which is 1st term, one year left

Board Member at Large – _____ replaces Eldrene Ebert
(her two, two-year terms have expired)

Each individual was nominated, motioned, seconded, and voted by all present with a hand vote. There were no nays. All are duly elected.

The next meeting for all board members will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Sibley County Historical Society Museum in Henderson. Welcome to new board members.

Door Prizes: Memberships were given to David Main & Verne Schlueter

Business Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.;

followed by speaker of the day, Dwight Grabitske on “Genealogy”

Respectively,

Diane

Diane Fredin, Acting Secretary for the meeting