

Sibley County Historical Society

700 Main Street

Henderson, Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 27, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Diane Fredin, Tom Frauendienst, Alice Strobel, Becky Briggs, Del Quast, Holly Harjes, Verne Schlueter

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Vice President Diane Fredin at 5:47 p.m.

The start time was delayed so we could collate, fold, and seal the newsletter.

Agenda: Approve/deny March 2025 Agenda: Tom said he had new items to address. Verne made a motion to approve the agenda as printed, and have Tom add the extra items during his report. Motion seconded by Tom. Passed.

Minutes: Approve/deny February 2025 minutes: Decision to price annual meeting tickets at \$20 each was not noted. Motion to add this to the February minutes was made by Alice, seconded by Becky. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Approve/deny March 2025 Treasurer's Report: Alice made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as printed. Becky seconded. Passed.

Additional items:

+Amy Martin donated items from the Henderson Ladies' Tourist Club dating from the 1960s. It was decided to pass the items on to Judy Loewe.

+Our membership dues for the Henderson Chamber are up for renewal. Alice made a motion to renew our membership (\$50). Verne seconded. Passed.

+We received an invitation to put an entry into the Sauerkraut Days parade. No one expressed an interest in arranging this. It was also decided to not send a donation from SCHS, but people should donate individually if they would like. Also, the museum will be open only on Sunday – no additional open times during the celebration.

+We received another invitation to put an ad in the Minnesota River Scenic Byway publication. It was decided at last month's meeting that the cost was prohibitive. We decided the same, this time, also.

+Spring Touch contacted SCHS about contracting with them for lawn treatments four times a season. We have used Spring Touch previous years. The cost would be \$489.82. Verne made a motion we contract with them for 2025. Holly seconded. Passed. Tom will make the arrangements.

+Tom said he would like to hire Jerry Gilman to mow the museum lawn again this year. Alice made a motion to re-hire Jerry depending on his cost. Motion seconded by Becky. Passed.

Old Business:

Annual meeting: There was discussion about the food to be served at the annual meeting – Diane would like to finalize things with Hahn's. We settled on chicken and roast beef, baby red potatoes, mixed vegetables, and coleslaw. We will not order dessert from Hahn's.

New Business:

Senior Expo: Diane and Verne still plan to be our representatives. Diane is not sure how many noon meals will be provided. Diane and Verne will have some books and crocks available for sale, but the focus will be recruiting new volunteers. Tom noted the check paying for our table space has not yet been cashed. Diane will call to check. Alice is sending along two framed photos with the hope

of having them at least partially identified.

School Tour: Sibley East students would like to visit again this year. There was some discussion about recruiting guides. Availability for some depends on what date is chosen.

April Board Meeting: It was decided to hold a brief board meeting at Hahn's to address any loose ends, determine a date for the school tour, and schedule a date for yard cleanup in May.

This meeting will be at 11:00 a.m., and will be instead of meeting at the museum Thursday, April 24. (The annual meeting begins at Noon.)

Shirley may need to send an email to all members to notify them we need volunteers for yard cleanup.

Museum roof: Verne asked about the status of the roof project. As far as Diane knew, MNHS has received all the information they requested from SCHS, and we are waiting for follow-up from them.

Adjourn: At 6:27 a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Diane, seconded by Holly.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Briggs, substituting for Shirley Black