

Sibley County Historical Society
700 Main Street
Henderson, Mn 56044

Meeting Notes
Thursday May 26, 2022 5 PM

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

Board Members present were Joy Cohrs, Tom Frauendienst, Diane Fredin, Becky Briggs, Shirley Black

Visitors: Sharon Haggemiller

Motion made by Tom, second by Shirley to approve the **May agenda**, minus the Collection Committee Report, since no one from the committee is present. Passed.

Motion made by Shirley, second by Becky to accept the **Annual Meeting Minutes** as written by Diane Fredin, acting Secretary. Passed. (Note – they will also be presented at next year’s annual meeting.

Treasurer Report: Presented by Tom Frauendienst, Treasurer

Discussion:

- Membership (\$50) to MN Conservation Center. This is where the map found at the Sibley county office was sent to see what could be done to preserve it. The group felt that the membership was not necessary for us. Joy was going to take this to Sibley County to see if they are interested in further restoration of this map.
- Henderson Sauerkraut Day’s – request for donations For a \$300 donation, we can have our name on the back of this year’s T-Shirt. After discussion, we decided to not explore this any further.
- Alarm Update- Tom checked with the Henderson Fire Department to see if we could leave a key with them, in case they would need to get into the museum in the event of another fire alarm. The HFD does not want a key in their possession. Tom will check with the Henderson Police Department to see if they would keep a key once the Police Chief is settled into his position.
 - The \$750 bill from the Fire Department for our false alarm was covered by our insurance.

Motion was made by Diane, seconded by Becky to approve the Treasurer’s report.

Old Business:

- Programs – Judy, not present to give an update.
- Revised Collections Policy – no collection committee members present, tabled for the next meeting
- Newsletter. Shirley has not done this. Tom and Diane will help out.
- Opening is Memorial Day, May 30th. Sharon will be present at the museum.
- June Photography Exhibit.
 - Open Event is June 5th: 1:00-5:00 pm

- \$5.00 donation
- Holly would like all Board members to come that day.
- Food for the event is covered. Holly received a \$250 grant from Thrivent.
- All board members were encouraged to go into the museum and see what has been set up.
- Sharon Updates
 - The team is in need of more pages for the Ledger Accession Log. We were able to see the company and it's info to order more. Joy will get this ordered.
- Porch, front steps and sign Painting Dick is still on track for this, however the weather has been a hinderance up to now. The quote was for \$4,200. Dick was asked to use paint (Sherwin Williams) obtained locally if possible.
- Grass mowing is in place. Each mowing cost \$60.00 (up from \$55 last year).
- Cleaning – the cleaning days were successful. Cleaning/dusting is still ongoing as the exhibits are being set up.

New Business:

- No Collections Committee report as no members were present.
- Missing board member position. Discussion: Eldrene Ebert completed two terms as a board member. Board member positions filled at the Annual Meeting were those vacated by former President Jeff Ducharme and Vice President Vicki Stock. We failed to get a replacement for Eldrene's position. Tom will check in again with Pastor Kent the retired pastor from Zion of LeSueur. He had expressed interest in a board position previously.
- An invitation was received from Ottawa Historic Church Bell Tower Event – which will be held this coming Saturday, May 28th. Dedication ceremonies for a little stone church's new bell tower are slated for 1 p.m. Saturday in the village of Ottawa, between St. Peter and Le Sueur on County Road 23.
- Sharon Haggemiller reviewed items from the City of Henderson Chamber meeting this past week.
 - Movie – there is a movie being filmed (parts of it) in Henderson
 - The Bicycle Trail was reviewed
 - There will be a Memorial Day Parade, along with a potluck. The Legion will be serving Hamburgers and Ice Cream
 - The Scenic By Way was reviewed.
- School Tour. Sharon will be doing a school tour (in groups of 10) for 50 4th graders.
 - On a side note – Sharon gave us a “tour script” for us to have, review and understand should we volunteer to be a tour guide.
- Sharon brought up whether we wanted to remove our items from the JR Brown Center. Sharon presented us with a listing of items that are the museums. This conflicts with the previous inventory taken where it was reported it was mainly paper items. Tom will check into the status of the JR Brown Center. It is in a city owned building. It appears to be closed but open upon request. Tom will bring this information back at a future meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Shirley A. Black
SCHS Secretary