

Sibley County Historical Society
700 Main Street
Henderson, MN 56044
February 2024 Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 22, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Attending: Joy Cohrs, Becky Briggs, Verne Schlueter, Del Quast, Tom Frauendienst, Holly Harjes, Shirley Black

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:33pm

Agenda: Approve/deny February Agenda:

Added the Following Topics:

- Sibley County Fair
- Museum Brochure
- Selling items on E-Bay (such as photos)

The agenda with the above three added items was approved by Tom Frauendienst, Second by Becky Briggs. Passed.

Minutes: Approve/deny January 2024 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Holly Harjes. Tom Frauendienst seconded. Passed.

Treasurer Report: Approve/deny February Treasurer Report: Motion was made by Shirley Black to approve the Treasurer Report. Verne Schlueter seconded the motion. Passed:

Treasurer Notes:

- \$10,000 grant check for the building assessment from the MN Historical Society was received.
- Memberships:
 - o Mrs. Bening – changed to a single membership.
 - o Put in the newsletter – the membership dues are due in February!
 - All agreed. Tom will work with Diane on this.
- Discussion on Delinquent Memberships.
 - o If delinquent -their Newsletter is dropped
- We paid WIX.com \$572.55. It was due March 7th. This is our Website.
- FYI: We can no longer charge at the Hardware Store.
- Treasury Audit: Joy, Mike and Tom will do the audit when Mike returns home on March 2nd.

Old Business:

Grant-Joy: The architect firm was onsite for a walk through. Joy is waiting for the next steps from the firm.

Anniversary-Diane:

- Catering -Diane is getting pricing.

Annual meeting-Holly: Holly provided us with an update on the Annual Meeting. Hillcrest will be providing the catering.

Newspapers-approve resolution: Seeking permission to destroy the microfilmed newspapers. Obits and Weddings were copied. State will pick up the newspapers. Eldren will write this up. Motion made by Holly to approve the Genealogy's Department plan for the newspapers. Joy seconded the motion. Passed.

May speaker-Shirley: May 23rd 6:30 pm at the Gibbon Library. SCHS will sponsor author Carolyn Sowinski (*The Great Storm: Minnesota's Victims in the Blizzard of January 7, 1873*). The May SCHS Meeting will be held prior to the presentation at 5:30 pm in the library's computer lab. The Gibbon Librarian, Kim Holmquist will be putting together the posters.

New Business:

Spring cleaning-Holly: Holly will contact Eileen's sister, Judy Savage to make arrangements for cleaning. There are two others who will help. This will take place in the 1st or 2nd week in May with outside clean-up. An honorarium was discussed.

Trees/yard cleanup: Discussion on whether to replace the trees which were taken down. There were mixed thoughts on replacement.

- Lois plans to put Landscape under the Museum signs.
- Jerry will do the mowing again. Cost is \$65 per mowing.
- Log cabin-Tom: Tom will take care of the log cabin when it gets nice outside.
- Lawn: Should we go with Spring Touch?
 - o Will wait until after the Anniversary Celebration since the lawn will be used for the celebration.

Repatriation Law: After checking with area museums, etc. we should be fine. In 1995 most of our Indian items were stolen. We do have some arrowheads in the museum but believe those will not be a cause for consideration.

Any other:

- Seeking a new Board Member as Mike's term is up.

Possible members: Lei Amorim

Alice and Joe Stroebel

- Sibley County Fair Updates was presented by Holly Harjes
The theme for this year's Fair is "Town Sports". Each town in Sibley County is asked to do a display. Each town will get a 6-foot table area.
- Photos on E-Bay. Becky reviewed that unidentified photos are being sold on E-Bay.
- Verne presented a *Bands in Southern Minnesota* book that he is donating to the museum.
- Henderson – Chamber Membership is \$50. Discussion – renew our membership.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley Black, SCHS Secretary