

Sibley County Historical Society
Board Meeting
January 23, 2020
Sibley County Museum

President Jeff DuCharme called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Board Members present: President Jeff DuCharme, Rich Nagel, Joy Cohrs, Vicki Stock, Eldrene Elbert, Mike Reinhardt, Wendy Evenson, Holly Harjes and Karen Klenk.
Visitors present: Judy Loewe and Sharon Haggenmiller.

Agenda was approved with motion by Joy, second by Wendy. Motion passed.

Minutes from December 26, 2019, were approved with motion by Rich, second by Vicki. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report was given by Rich. Rich reported on the Inventory Report and requested a motion to pay the December payment of \$7,662.75 to Claudia per the MHS Grant. Motion by Karen and second by Joy, motion passed. Audit of Treasurer's books will be done by Mike and Joy in the near future. The budget will be presented to the board in February. Treasurers Report was accepted with a motion by Eldrene and Second by Mike. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Rich Nagel reported that Tom Frauendienst would be willing to fill the Treasurers position when Rich resigns. Motion by Karen and second by Holly to appoint Tom as the next SCHS Treasurer. Motion passed.
- Judy Loewe agreed to work on plans to bring programs together for SCHS. Either Speakers or tours that would allow members and community members to be educated with our local history. She suggested events that would "Celebrate Sibley County." Judy and Sharon will work together as Education Committee and report them to the Board. Eldrene and Karen will assist if needed.
- Joy reported back on assistance from the County tech people for help with museum computer networking. County would not assist as it would then set a precedence. Mike reported a possible cost of \$65.00 per hour for this work. Jeff will ask someone in Henderson if they would be able to help with our computer networking.
- Mike brought up for discussion the sale of books/ pictures through phone orders, museum sales and computer sales. Mike and Eldrene will meet and report back to the Board on options and how these should be handled. Also, brought up was what our procedure of family history booklets that are at the museum if wanted to be copied? Do we have permission to do this?
- Vicki reported that the large map from Dave Schauer office is being preserved by the Midwest Art Conservation Center. It will cost \$3,000 which SCHS will pay and then be reimbursed by Sibley County.

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- Jeff reported that he tried out the battery candles that are set in the Museum windows for Christmas decorations. They worked well. Decision was to use the battery operated candles and not use electric anymore.
- The January Newsletter was reviewed that Publisher Diane Frauendienst and Editor Holly had printed. Additions were made about Annual meeting information.
- SCHS Annual meeting will be held at the Arlington House in Arlington, Minnesota, on April 26 at 12:00 pm. Meal will be a Chicken and Meatball dinner at \$15.00 per person. Treasurer will take reservations. Vicky will check with Arlington Haus if dessert and gratuity are included in this price. The Arlington Museum has invited members to view the museum after the meeting. The Arlington Historical Society has agreed to provide items for the program. Mike will work with Dan to put Annual meeting on our website. Roseann will put on Facebook.
- Jeff, Mike and Vicki will bring more information to the Board on the job description for Executive Director position at February Board Meeting.
- Discussion on membership guidelines. When should members be put on the inactive list if dues are not paid? Six months? Also, who will be keeping the membership list up to date? Put on agenda for next month for decision.

Meeting adjourned by President Jeff.

**Our next meeting will be at 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 27, 2020
at Henderson Museum.**

Respectively Submitted by
Karen Klenk, Secretary