

**Sibley County Historical Society**  
**700 Main Street**  
**Henderson, MN 56044**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

Interim President Shirley Black called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Diane Fredin volunteered to take minutes.

Board Members Present: Shirley Black, Joy Cohrs, Mike Reinhardt, Diane Fredin, Holly Harjes, Eldrene Ebert, Tom Frauendienst; Judy Loewe, Sharon Haggenmiller

**The Agenda** was presented and approved upon a motion by Diane Fredin, second by Tom Frauendienst.

**Secretary's Reports:** Minutes of February 2022 (emailed) were approved upon a motion by Joy Cohrs, second by Mike Reinhardt.

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Funds as of March 22, 2022 totaled \$145,469.37.
2. A C.D. came due & was reinvested (at a low interest rate).
3. A future expense will be \$4,200 for painting.
4. A bill for \$750 was received from the Fire Department when called to the Museum last week. This bill will be turned in to the insurance company for payment.
5. Discussion held on whether all or some of the sensors should be replaced. The trip charge would be \$185.00. (Note: advise was given that all alarm systems should be replaced every 10 years.) Sharon will call Edina Alarm Systems to replace the bad alarm sensors.
6. Tom will talk to the Fire & Police Departments as to their access to the building in emergency situations.
7. It was noted the Edina Alarm Systems gave the Museum a free alarm system. The Museum only pays for monitoring. Sharon & Mike will discuss the situation of obtaining a cost for a new system or improvements on the current system.
8. A motion was made by Diane F., seconded by Eldrene to approve 3 lawn applications per year from Spring *Touch* at a cost of \$284.64 for the year.
9. Scenic Valley Byway – a donation of \$50 had been previously requested; should we want to be noted on their web site as well, the cost would be \$150. A motion was made by Diane, seconded by Joy to continue our donation at \$50 & use the extra \$100 towards the cost of the local "Henderson" brochure printed annually.
10. A \$2,000 gift was received from the Mankato Area Foundation grant from Darlene Weckworth. Tom will send a nice thank you to Darlene for the gift.

**Old Business:**

1. Painting – A motion was made by Joy & seconded by Holly to have Tom & former president Jeff handle the painting work by Dick Morarity to be done this spring.
2. Programs – Judy Loewe said she has a couple of programs scheduled: Diane F. at the Winthrop Museum on August 25th; the Winthrop gentlemen speaking on foster care. Sharon H. has a special video that could be shared as a program. The artwork exhibit by Ann would be another.
3. Board member recruitment – Tom will contact Ken for his possible interest; we can include info in our fliers & newsletters that volunteers are needed & note the various areas that need volunteer help.
4. Shirley will handle the Annual Report Agenda, etc.
5. Shirley will upload the Museum's previous flier & update as needed.

6. Shirley is in the process of completing the Museum's newsletter.
7. Artwork Exhibit by Ann – Jeff is working on the advertising.
8. Revised Collection policy – Tabled
9. Annual Meeting – will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at Hahn's in Winthrop. It will be a two-meat buffet with reservations necessary (one week advance notice). Diane will work on a program (thanking benefactors Charles & Donna Meyer & Darlene Weckworth for their gifts). Mike will bring the Museum's speaker system. Schedule: social time at 11:30, meal at noon, meeting at 1 p.m., speaker at 1:30 p.m.
10. Copier – has been installed. Diane will set up an instruction day & time.
11. Museum updates – Sharon H. said the water softener is now set to 20% hardness (from 90%), the water heater pop-up valve has been fixed.
12. Sharon will do some detective work on whether the Museum may be able to reprint the soft-cover book entitled "Green Isle" written by Father Berger.
13. Porch paint color – Tom will advise.

**New Business:**

1. Collections Committee (Vicki, Wendy, Mike) - Report tabled.
2. Newspaper clippings – Eldrene gave information she found on keeping & organizing obituary notices & special news of interest, but further discussion was tabled.
3. Yard lawn mowing – Tom will talk to Jerry about the mowing.
4. Yard maintenance – talk to our friends & again invite Eileen, Joe, etc. for their spring help.
5. Sharon has spoken to Leaf Gutters about leaves being caught in the gutters.
6. Inside Museum cleaning has been set for two cleaning days: April 30 & May 1 beginning at 1 p.m. each day. Invite your friends to help.
7. An invite was read from the New Auburn Historical Society for Friday, April 1, 2022, 7 p.m. program.

President Interim Shirley Black **adjourned** the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Diane Fredin*

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Acting Secretary