

Sibley County Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes
700 Main Street
Henderson, MN 56044
Online "Zoom" Meeting
February 25, 2021 5:00 PM

Vicki Stock, filled in for the President Jeff DuCharme, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Vicki called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm as an online Zoom Meeting. Board Members present were Eldrene Ebert, Vicki Stock, Tom Frauendienst, Mike Reinhardt, Joy Cohrs, Holly Harjes, Wendy Evenson and Shirley Black.

Visitors: Diane Frauendienst, Sharon Haggemiller, Ruth Ann Buck, Arlene Busse

Requested additions to the agenda included:

- 1.) Slide Projector Inside the museum
- 2.) Nominations for Wendy Evenson's position on the board, as Wendy has opted not to run.

No more additions or corrections to the agenda were noted. Motion made by Joy, second by Holly to approve the February agenda. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Eldrene, second by Holly to accept the January Minutes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report:

Questions for the Treasurer: None

Updates:

- Plunkett bill has not been paid. We got a bill for around \$900 and Jeff and Tom were wondering if we could cut back on some of the services. Tom is still waiting for a call back from Plunketts to review the yearly charge.
- There are an outstanding deposit and checks which still need to clear.
- Membership review: 271 people are on the membership list. About 114-115 are lifetime members, which include complimentary memberships such as the county commissioners. About 75 people have not turned in their dues. These combined amounts to about \$2,000 in membership fees.
 - Discussion – the benefits with dues includes free entry into the museum and the newsletter, as well as discount on the museum books. Also included in membership, is free genealogy or information requests.
 - Discussion – we spoke at the last meeting that we would put in a sheet with the newsletter to those that were past due on their membership. Tom will write

something up and share with us, so that it will be ready by the newsletter. It would be printed on a bright colored sheet. The next newsletter's goal is to go out in the middle of March. Tom will run it by Jeff, then the Board and have it ready to go for the next newsletter.

- S&L accounting. Tom spoke with Mariah and Mariah suggested that we keep the account open until a director position is decided. Cost is about \$125 quarterly to keep filing the report (even if no wages). Discussion: What would it cost to open the account again if we closed it? Unknown. Discussion of what to do, included waiting for Jeff, so that we have a full board for the discussion.

Motion made by Joy, second by Mike to accept the January Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

Housekeeping and office clean-up: We spoke in the past that we would schedule dates for cleaning. This will be tabled until next month since opening is not until end of May.

Collection Committee Report: The committee did not have anything to present for approval. Genealogy request: Eldrene got the message for a recent genealogy item and Eldrene did contact Bob and Helen Magaas and they would like us to look at it and Eldrene would like to look at it. By early April they would like to come to the museum.

- Discussion: Eldrene would like to receive genealogy requests. This would help streamline requests.
- Piece of fabric was received. The collections committee will review and bring a formal report to next month's meeting.

Newsletter: Holly and Eldrene provided an update. The newsletter only has one last piece to go. It will go to Diane/Eldrene for review with the goal to have it ready by the second week in March.

Minnesota Alliance Local History Museums: We had gotten a \$25 bill for membership. Last month, Jeff was going to show it to Sharon to understand what this bill is for. Sharon reviewed the benefits of this membership, including percentage off seminars. We currently have a map from the Sibley County Courthouse there. It is awaiting direction from us on possible restoration. The cost to restore this is a lot of money, thus the thought is to have the map returned and we would frame it and it would just look old. It will go back into the courthouse next to the attorney's office. Dave Schauer had found it in his courthouse office. Question if the county could cover the dues too.

Holly made a motion that we pay the \$25 membership dues. Shirley second. Discussion: What should Sibley County be responsible for? Discussion was that the cost of restoration (if we proceed) of the map and not the \$25 membership dues would be covered by Sibley County.

Discussion: Seminars are offered every 3 weeks or so. Currently Mike and Sharon receive the email. When Mike receives these emails, he will forward to all members of the board. Hopefully, board members may be able to take advantage of the seminars.

Motion passed.

Two additional items.

Slide projector. Sharon was going to check to see if there was a slide projector up in the attic. Sharon will follow-up on it for the meeting next month.

Collection items to be returned to Arlene: Holly took them over to Arlene.

New Business:

Reviewing the COVID-19 policy and preparedness. From Jeff, his thought was to include COVID precautions, all visitors go through the main door. If handicapped – then come through the office door. Question on public bathrooms – use or not? Should we provide Masks and Hand Sanitizers.

Shirley volunteered to write up a COVID policy and present it at the next meeting.

WIX account – This charge went on Jeff’s personal account. Tom will reimburse Jeff. This account allows us to sell things online with PayPal. We will be paid up to Feb 2024. (payment covers 4 years). The cost has been covered by the books we sell online. Mike reviewed the number of books that have recently been purchased.

Wendy’s Board Position: Wendy has elected to not run again. Mike and Vicki both have indicated that they will run again for their open positions.

Discussion: Do we have a nomination committee? Unknown, Discussion if Jeff is on the committee who would like to be on the committee with him. Joy volunteered. We discussed potential board members. Wendy will reach out to Jim Evenson. Diane Fredin, is at the Winthrop Historical Society. Of note, Wendy would like to stay on the collections committee.

Question on what is happening with the annual meeting. Meeting is last Sunday in April, April 25th at 1:00 pm.

Last month’s minutes on the meeting were reviewed. Jeff is going to put together an article on the upcoming annual meeting. A Zoom meeting was proposed at last month’s meeting. We discussed holding it in a restaurant, would we have a speaker, would people want to go to an in-person meeting.

The question is how we let everybody know. We would put the Zoom link on the website. We would put it in the newsletter. If people request an email with the link– we can email them a link. The museum’s Facebook page would also be updated with the Annual meeting info, Roseann will be contacted by Vicki with the Zoom meeting information. Shirley will write something up and send it to the board.

Voting. Voting for the meeting maybe done via the polling future or chat on Zoom.

Henderson Chamber Meeting: Sharon – they have a membership drive right now. They have a nonprofit group membership for \$50/year. Question is do we want to continue with our membership. Sharon is the museum’s representative to the Chamber. Benefit is that we would be informed of Chamber events and could correspond museum’s hours with their events. The chamber pays for insurance for events that are held in the community. Many additional benefits were discussed.

Joy made a motion we pay the Chamber Dues. Holly second. Motion Passed.

Discussion: Have an open house for the chamber members.

Sharon requests a meeting with the collection committee. Sharon announced that she will be quitting work at the museum. Sharon would like to discuss the things she has been doing. Discussion that Sharon’s duties involve areas beyond the collections committee. It was requested from Sharon to wait until Jeff returns so that we can get people together to meet with her. Sharon was thanked for her work at the museum and certainly she will be missed.

Motion made by Tom to adjourn the meeting, Wendy second. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm

Submitted by Shirley A. Black

SCHS Secretary