

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

President Jeff DuCharme 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, Karen Klenk, Judy Loewe

March Agenda: Motion made by Vicki, second by Tom to approve the March agenda. Motion Passed.

February 2021 Secretary Report: Corrections noted by Vicki Stock: 1.) Zoom meeting was purposed (should be proposed). 2.) Benefit (autocorrect). Additional note from Eldrene: SCHS Members can get genealogy requests for free. Secretary to make noted changes. Motion made by Tom, second by Holly to accept the February Minutes with the noted corrections. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report:

Questions for the Treasurer: What is the bill from CTS Construction? Tom had the Buck Thorn removed. He will spray it as well as this tends to come back.

Treasurer's Report – motion to approve by Joy, second by Holly. Passed.

Old Business:

Housekeeping and office clean-up: President Jeff indicated he would be happy to start going over to do some housekeeping. Tom indicated he would start doing stuff outside. Jeff indicated he would help with that as well.

Interior Cleaning: There is a request in the upcoming newsletter for cleaning volunteers. Every room needs attention. Vacuuming, dusting, tidying up. Karen Klenk (and Denise Johnson) have volunteered to straighten up the kitchen and set up the cook book display. Arlene will assist them.

Housekeeping dates were selected, Wednesdays in April. Starting April 7th. 9:00-12:00 Bring your own housekeeping items (vacuums). We will start with April 7th and see if more dates are needed.

Collection Committee Report: The committee reported that they have several items to review. Time did not permit the committee to meet this past month. The plan is to meet prior to the next meeting.

Update on the projector acceptance. There was a suggestion to keep the projector. Mike will look to see if the projector was recorded in Past Perfect. The projector topic was tabled until more information can be obtained.

Newsletter: Holly did the final proof reading. Diane will get the newsletter to Gustavus and will print up the labels tonight. Past Due Notices will go inside the newsletter for those members who are past due. The notice was read, and members commented on the notice being well written.

Commissioners will get their newsletter emailed. Discussion on sending out the newsletter electronically instead of printing them to save costs was reviewed.

COVID-19 Policy. Shirley presented the Covid-19 for visitors should we open. (copy is attached). Discussion around the COVID-19 policies ensued. Hand sanitizer is in the museum and will be placed throughout the house.

Discussion: How to bring people back to the museum. Suggest doing a free will offering -vs- having an admission fee. "Free Admission" with the freewill offering was agreed upon.

The June newsletter will have the opening announcement.

Discussion on opening. It has been decided that the museum will open as scheduled.

Motion made by Holly, second by Vicki to open the museum as scheduled, on Memorial Day 2021. Motion passed.

PEST Control:

Jeff called Plunket's and requested a bill review. Ursula our representative from Plunket's returned Jeff's call and indicated that there was no room to downsize the bill. She would like to meet with Jeff and will do so next week.

Discussion: Do we need Plunket's service? There are reportedly mice in the building. Do we need to spray for spiders and bugs? It is not known how often they come. It was discussed that maybe her services are helping the building and with little bugs observed, her work maybe helping. Tom will meet with Jeff and Ursula as well – shooting for Monday afternoon.

Nomination Committee: Joy reported on behalf of the community. Vicki and Mike will run for another term. Diane Fredin from Winthrop has agreed to run for the vacant Director position. Our thanks to Karen Klenk for talking with Diane.

Annual Meeting: Discussion – should we have a committee for the meeting. Shirley volunteered to head up the Annual Meeting. Jeff will assist Shirley.

Zoom was discussed. A speaker was discussed. Since there is not an official in person meeting, the speaker part of the meeting will not happen this year. Instead, maybe have Arleen provide some history of the museum or review some items.

Items for the annual meeting:

1. Board introduced.
2. Welcome to those on Zoom.
3. President's Report
4. Secretary Report (see website for previous secretary/treasurer reports)
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Treasury Audit
7. Nominations
8. Recording: Will record and then put it on the website
9. Report from the committees
 - a. Collection Committee
10. Date is April 25th at 1:00 pm.
11. Arlene will give a history of the museum/toys on display.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit for Treasury: Joy will audit with Tom. Mike will assist. Date for audit will be April 10th at 9:00 am.

Sharon's Letter:

1. Ian Sing has been to the museum and fixed the roof. Sharon indicated in her letter that there needs to be a special piece of equipment to finish the work. A lift is needed. Jeff's neighbor has one and he will check to see if we can use it & what the cost would be. A forklift is needed to get the slate singles unto the back of a truck. They are in Gaylord. Joy will check into it and will call Ian Sing. Highway Dept can help us load the shingles.
2. Museum Guides. Question if Marie Main will coordinate the guides. Jeff will call Marie to see if she is still interested in the coordination of the volunteers.
3. Sharon indicated she is in favor of Eileen doing the flowers. Also, she is in favor of volunteers painting the sign.

Vicki made a motion; Mike seconded the motion of having Eileen do the flowers and for the painting of the sign (budget for the flowers would be similar to last year- \$140). Motion passed.

4. Discussion on Sharon's request to resign (except for accessioning duties). We need to start looking for a volunteer replacement. Thoughts of a thanking Sharon with some event was discussed. Tabled and will be discussed later.

Open house for Henderson Chamber of Commerce discussion from last month's meeting continued. Discussion on inviting all Sibley County Chambers of Commerce and City councils to the museum for free would be a good marketing opportunity. Joy will be in charge.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

Submitted by Shirley A. Black

SCHS Secretary

Visitor COVID policy

Now open!

We're pleased to announce that the [Sibley](#) County Museum will once again be open to visitors. Memorial Day 2021 is OPENING DAY.

The [museum](#) welcomes back on-site researchers by confirmed appointment. Researchers may contact the library to make arrangements.

Please note:

- Library staff are [assisting researchers](#) via the phone, distance services, and [email](#).
- Find great goods anytime at our [online store](#).
- Questions about tickets? Please email schs1@frontiernet.net

Keeping us all safe

We're putting new safety measures in place to protect the health of our visitors, staff, volunteers, and collections based on guidance from the CDC and local governments:

- We're limiting the number of people in our museum, to allow for safe social distancing.
- We're requiring that visitors indoors wear face coverings at all times.
- We're providing hand-sanitizing stations for visitors throughout our facilities and conducting more frequent and enhanced cleaning.



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REQUIRED**



**PRACTICE SOCIAL
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