

Sibley County Historical Society
700 Main Street
Henderson, MN 56044

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 28, 2023 – 5:00 pm

Attending: Joy Cohrs, Becky Briggs, Diane Fredin, Verne Schlueter, Del Quast, Tom Frauendienst,
Holly Harjes, Mike Reinhardt, Shirley Black

Guests: Sharon Haggemiller

The September 2023 Meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:00 pm.

Agenda: Approve/deny September agenda. Diane Fredin made a motion to approve the agenda, Becky Briggs seconded the motion. Passed

Minutes: Approve/deny August Meeting 2023 minutes. Mike Reinhardt made a motion to approve the minutes. Verne Schlueter seconded the motion. Passed

Treasurer Report: Approve/deny September Treasurer Report. Diane Fredin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Holly Harjes seconded the motion. Passed.

Treasurer's Report/Discussion:

- Bill of \$8,230 for microfilming was sent to Eldrene Ebert, who turned it into the Treasurer. This was just paid. See the updated treasurer's report which Tom handed out to all in attendance.
- Tom provided us with a summary of how the memorial money to date has been spent.
- Orkin Pest control was in the museum and report they have no concerns. They found no rodent activity upon inspection. An application was applied to the baseboard interior and the exterior was sprayed as well.
- Insurance has been paid.
- The outside sign bill has been paid.
- Past due Dues were received from 2-3 members.
- Bill for McLeod Publishing. Follow up on this bill found that the check Tom mailed was held up in the USPS for about a month until it was finally returned.
- An Event card was received by Ney's Nature Center for their upcoming fall event.
- Postage costs will be reimbursed to Holly Harjes for the stamps she purchased for the newsletter.
- Tom reported that the Catholic Church in Henderson (which is closing) is cleaning out their basement and wondered if records (such as burial records) would be of interest to the museum. It was indicated that there would be interest in the church records.

Old Business:

Anniversary The Arlington Community Center has been reserved for the annual meeting – to be held Sunday, April 28, 2024. Holly will be contacting Hillcrest for catering the meal. A possible menu was reviewed. Desserts – it was suggested that each board member bring a dessert.

A program slide show/video show of the rooms within the museum was discussed. Steve and Becky Briggs will volunteer to put this together.

Joy showed an example of a small crock that could be used to commemorate the Museum's 75th anniversary. The crock would have the museum's logo and 75th anniversary images printed on it. The cost of the crock is \$28 a piece. There would be no shipping costs, as the manufacturer would deliver them to us. There is no minimum amount needed to order. There was discussion on what they could be sold for. After discussion, it was asked that we wait a month and discuss it next month.

Update on Traxler Barns of Sibley County books – The Traxler family has been responding but have not yet brought the items into the museum. The museum has all but one township book and the large overall book on file. Diane Fredin will investigate the reproduction of these books. (We have obtained the rights to these photographs and books – which was documented in a previous meeting.)

Roof project update – Joy met with Brian Paulson from the ISG group in Mankato (they are currently working with the LeSueur County on historical building preservation). He will provide an estimate using the Historical Assessment form. The cost for the Estimate is \$10,000. We need three estimates to apply for a large grant to pay for the roof. Joy is currently working on a grant to help cover the estimate costs.

New Business:

Director/volunteer roster-Becky Briggs - Becky reviewed the Rosters she made and has hung up in the museum which lists the contact information for the Museum Directors and the Volunteers. Becky asks if you have updated information, to please update the roster or contact her.

Fall outside cleanup – Lois Brown has been weeding. More work is to be done for the Outside Fall Clean-Up: This includes weeding, raking, cleaning of gutters, trimming of bushes and other plants. A Fall Outside Clean-Up date was set for Saturday, October 7th starting at 9:00 am. Shirley will ask for volunteers on Facebook as well as send out an email blast. Reminder to bring outside tools, such as rakes and clippers will be included in the announcement.

Membership drive – Discussion on the topic included sending out a flyer to all Sibley County Box Holders. Diane Fredin will investigate this.

Donna Meyer visit Oct. 1 Donna Meyer plans to visit on Sunday. Discussion was held on plans for her tour and showing where there are needs within the museum.

Miscellaneous:

- Arlene received a call from Frontier that they were requesting access into the museum. Since Arlene and other volunteers did not know what this was about, Frontier was denied access. It was noted that when the line to the museum had been cut earlier this year, the line was left above ground, and it was felt that Frontier may have wanted to bury that line, although it was unknown why they needed access.
- Winterizing the Museum – Joy will check into with the Y-Not business and see if they planned on coming to the museum to look at the furnace, provide a new filter, etc.
- Collection Committee – Wendy Evenson has presented her resignation from the committee. Discussion. Currently, Volunteer Susan is involved with the Collection Committee, and it was felt that she should continue with the committee.
- The Volunteers requested to purchase an iPad, to be used primarily for museum photography. The Motion was made by Diane Fredin to purchase an iPad. Tom Frauendienst seconded the motion. Passed. Volunteer Susan to research iPads.

- Becky Briggs reported that Steve Briggs has indexed the first box of the Thiele Photography photos. Photos are from the early 1960s.
- In January the Chamber of Commerce members from Henderson will be going around to all the businesses to do a “Meet and Greet”. Since the Museum is closed during the winter months, will keep in touch to see if they can come when the Museum is opened.
- It was noted that the 2022 Henderson Christmas Ornament which features the Museum is now on sale for \$10.
- Holly Harjes presented an idea for the Nanny’s room, which included turning a wall into a picture wall. She questioned how the photos should be hung. The consensus was that picture rails should be utilized – versus – putting nails into the plaster.
- Arlene Busse donated a drain snake to be used for drain maintenance in the museum.

COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT was reviewed.

Sengbusch white porcelain moistener roller Fred Lobitz	ACCEPT
Postal Carrier Route Directory Ann Tracy(her Grandfather’s)	ACCEPT
Citizen’s State Bank-Gaylord Metal car bank Elaine Johnson Pickett Graduated from Gaylord/worked at bank	ACCEPT
Victorian Reproduction Phone Delores Hagen	ACCEPT
6x18” Velvet photo album (photos identified) Carolyn Kroehler	ACCEPT
Gaylord Eggstravaganza buttons(21) and shirts(2) Marie Main Buttons but not shirts	ACCEPT
Bell Collection cow(5) turkey(1) sleigh(1) Arlene Busse	ACCEPT
Poehler button with wetstone Joy Cohrs	ACCEPT
2 Samsung flip cell phones 1 in case Arlene Busse	ACCEPT
3 Calling cards in frame Arlene Busse	ACCEPT
V-Tech phone with Answer machine Arlene Busse	ACCEPT
Child’s green enamel electric child’s stove & Access. Arlene	ACCEPT
Toys- Noisemaker, top, and horn Arlene Busse	ACCEPT

Discussion on items took place. Discussion also included why we are taking items when we are in a moratorium and should not be taking items.

A motion was made by Diane Fredin to accept the Collections Report and the items accepted into the museum. Holly Harjes seconded the motion. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Shirley Black, SCHS Secretary