

Sibley County Historical Society

700 Main Street

Henderson, MN 56044

June 2024 Meeting Minutes

Held on Thursday, June 27, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

At Verne Schlueter's Farm (in his converted barn) – Rural Arlington, MN

Attendance: Joy Cohrs, Diane Fredin, Becky Briggs, Verne Schlueter, Del Quast, Tom Frauendienst, Holly Harjes, Alice Strobel, Shirley Black

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:40 pm.

Agenda: Approve/deny June Agenda:

- No Additional Topics

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Diane Fredin, second by Alice Strobel. Passed.

Minutes: Approve/deny May 2024 minutes.

It was felt there was still an incorrect name entry regarding The Winthrop News in a previous meeting's minutes. Shirley Black, Secretary, will research back further to find the entry.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Becky Briggs, Second by Diane Fredin. Passed.

Treasurer Report: Approve/deny June Treasurer Report: Presented by Tom Frauendienst.

Notes from Tom:

- The Orkin bill was paid twice. This will correct itself when the next application is applied, and the double payment is applied to that application.
- Filter: Tom Frauendienst wrote a check for the filter, however Alice Strobel mentioned that it was also charged @ the Hardware Store.
- Membership is at 237 with 30 members with overdue dues. This will be noted in the newsletter. Discussion: Those that had dues to pay in 2022 will be dropped, however, we will still attempt to collect dues on the members whose membership dues were due in 2023.
- Sale of Photos: Becky Briggs reported that we are selling unidentified photos on the internet. There was a recent sale of a woman with birds. This picture ended up selling for \$202. Most of the pictures have been selling for around \$2-3.

A motion was made by Shirley Black to approve the Treasurer's Report. The second was made by Verne Schlueter. Passed.

Old Business:

Anniversary Recap-Diane Fredin:

- Using the Treasurer's report – we reviewed the sales from the anniversary, which included, books, shirts and a few memberships.
- It is estimated that there were 100+ people.
- Joy sent a Thank You to Charles.
- Food was discussed, i.e. items that were good and some that were not as good.

New Business:

Guide Training

Joy indicated that Marie Main had indicated in the past that there were training sessions for the guides. The session also included a meal.

Discussion included:

- Does the current guide need to be updated. Discussion: No, it is good.
- Self-guided tours. Discussion: Shirley Black/Holly Harjes have been working on a pamphlet that could be utilized for a self-guided tour. Holly also pointed out that the new pamphlet has a lot of good information in it for visitors.

Find A Grave/Obits – Becky Briggs

Discussion on disclosing the source of the obituary to the person requesting the information. It was felt that when a copy of an obituary is given out, we should include the source of our information.

Becky has noticed unlinked families, incomplete dates, etc., and thought if the research team was looking for a project this might be something for them to consider doing.

School desks – Holly Harjes

There was a grouping of four old desks from the Green Isle School Basement, which Holly restored.

The desks have been offered to various groups with no takers yet. It was decided that if no one takes this, Becky will sell it on the internet.

Set Up Fair Committee – Holly Harjes

- This year's theme is "Town Ball" Each town in Sibley County has been asked to do a display and will be given one 8-foot table to do so. It was felt that all the towns have someone assigned to ensure that a display will be completed.
- The set-up will be Tuesday and Wednesday (July 30-31).
- Holly Harjes has volunteered to open and close the building every day during the fair.
- Shirley Black will again to the sign-up request email.
- Becky Briggs will have the Photo Display and will be responsible for setting it up.
- Guess This Item: Verne Schlueter and Joy Cohrs each have an item that will be utilized for the fair long guessing game.

Christmas Plans-Holly Harjes

- Holly indicated that the volunteers have had some discussion and relayed that the theme of *Christmas Ornaments* has been decided upon. The Board agreed with this theme.
- Joy Cohrs will speak with Dee Thomas, to see if she would be interested in doing demonstrations/talk about making glass ornaments.
- The date decided on, will be Sunday December 15th.

Book request from Arlene Busse for Oak Terrance Senior Living in LeSueur

Arlene Busse has requested that a Henderson book be donated to Oak Terrance's library. The Board agreed and will have "In Honor of Arlene Busse" printed on the inside cover. Motion was made by Diane Fredin to approve the giving of the Henderson book to Oak Terrance's library. The second was made by Holly Harjes. Passed.

MN Historical Society – Summer Event

Joy Cohrs presented an email which was received from the MN Historical Society. It invited the members of the Sibley County Historical Society to a summer event in St. Peter the evening of August 1st to celebrate the history of South-Central Minnesota. Shirley Black, Secretary, will provide the MN Historical Society with the board members' information, so that the MN Historical Society may send invitations to board members.

Visitors in the Research Room

It was noted during a recent Sunday, a volunteer showed a visitor to the restroom and in doing so, found a couple in the research room doing their own research. After discussion, it was decided the easiest thing to do would be to put a lock on the Research Room door.

Winthrop Map

Diane Fredin presented an old map of Winthrop which was given to the Winthrop Museum. After viewing the map, everyone agreed it was too far gone to restore.

Meeting Adjoined

A motion to adjoin the meeting was made by Shirley Black with a second by Becky Briggs. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm

Verne Schlueter Presentation/Tour

The board members enjoyed a presentation by Verne Schlueter on his barn, now converted to a shop, his different collections, and the history of his farm. ***Thank you, Verne!***

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley Black, SCHS , Secretary

6/2/24, 5:01 PM

Gmail - Fw: MNHS Summer Event



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1 message

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To: Joy Cohers <joycohers51@gmail.com>

Fri, May 31, 2024 at 3:09 PM

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Letecia Holter <letecia.holter@mnhs.org>
To: Joy Cohers <schs1@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 05:34:46 PM CDT
Subject: MNHS Summer Event

Hello Joy,

The Minnesota Historical Society is planning a summer event in St. Peter the evening of Thursday, August 1st to celebrate the history of South Central MN.

We would like to invite you and your historical society board to join us at this free open house style gathering. Is there a preferred method of contact for sending invitations to the board members? (We will have digital and physical versions of the invitation heading out late June.) If you could share that information with us, we would really appreciate it.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,
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