

# Sibley County Historical Society Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** The meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:18 p.m., as all available members had arrived. In attendance were Joy Cohrs, Diane Fredin, Tom Frauendienst, Verne Schlueter, Del Quast, Alice Strobel, Holly Harjes, and Becky Briggs. Absent: Shirley Black. Guest: Eldrene Ebert.

**Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alice and seconded by Verne. Passed.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion to approve the January 29, 2026 minutes was made by Diane, seconded by Del. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The February 2026 Treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion to approve made by Verne, seconded by Becky. Passed.

## **Old Business:**

1. County Fair: We received an update on the county fair display. The committee held its first meeting on February 26. Eldrene is committee chair. Other members present at the meeting were Joy, Alice, Becky, and Diane.

## **New Business:**

1. Treasurer position: Joy has talked to eight people, and no one is interested. Joy asked Tom to estimate the amount of time he spends on treasurer duties so she has that information when she talks to other potential candidates. Joy stated we may need to reimburse for travel. A posting for the treasurer's job will be in the next newsletter.
2. Sidewalk/steps issue: As reported last month, the Henderson police stopped by to tell us we need to clear snow from our part of the sidewalk that goes up to the school. There also was a complaint a while later from a Henderson resident. Joy has checked with the city and not received a reply. She visited the Assessor and obtained aerial views that clearly show the contested area is on museum property. There was discussion about why this is suddenly an issue, exactly what we are paying for regarding snow removal, etc. No action was decided on as we are still waiting for some replies/information.
3. Annual meeting: Information and registration will be in the next newsletter. Since the annual meeting is being held in Henderson, Del and Holly suggested that the museum be open both before and after the meeting. They also offered to be

hosts. Their plan is to be open from 9:30 a.m. until the meeting starts, and again from the end of the meeting until 5:00 or 5:30 p.m.

4. Books from Renville Historical Society: Renville County Historical Society sent us a few books from two Sibley County churches – Immanuel in Gibbon and St. John's in Gaylord.

**Any other / Meeting Odds and Ends:**

- Holly requested that the butternut cracker donated by Nancy Vogt be displayed.
- Holly would like the county commissioners to grant us more money. Joy doubts that will happen. Holly may talk to the commissioners at some point.
- A paper cutter issue was brought up and then resolved.
- There have been some changes pertaining to the Sibley County Senior Expo. It will still be held April 9, but at Peace Lutheran Church instead of the Arlington Community Center. SCHS will not be a sponsor, but has reserved a full table for \$50 (has been paid). The price of lunch tickets has changed. Trailblazer Transit will give free transportation to pre-registered attendees.
- The Orkin guy found one mouse.
- Tom reported we had received a \$100 donation in honor of Arlene Busse from the Pinney family of Alabama.
- Sauerkraut Days asked for a donation. We have not done that in the past, and will not this year.
- The Minnesota Scenic Byway asked for a donation. We have not done that in the past, and will not this year.

**Adjourn:** Alice motioned to adjourn, seconded by Becky. Passed.

Adjournment was at 5:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Briggs, substituting for Shirley Black