

Sibley County Historical Society

700 Main Street

Henderson, Mn 56044

Zoom Meeting

September Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 23, 2021

5 PM

President Jeff DuCharme called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. The September 2021 meeting was held via zoom.

Board Members present were: Jeff DuCharme, Mike Reinhardt, Diane Fredin, Joy Cohrs, Holly Harjes, Eldrene Ebert, Tom Frauendienst, Shirley Black Absent: Vickie Stock.

Visitors present: Arlene Busse, Diane Frauendienst, Wendy Evenson, RuthAnn Buck,

The September agenda was presented by President Jeff DuCharme. Joy made a motion to approve the agenda. This was second by Shirley. Motion Passed

Approve / deny July/September 2021 Minutes. Question on map which was stated that it was found in Dave Schauer's office. That map was going back to Dave Schauer's office. The secretary notes incorrectly mixed up the maps. The map that was suggested to be hung at the fair grounds was one that was from Arlene Busse. Minutes should have "the found in Dave Schauer's office" cross off. Eldrene made a motion to approve with the correct stated above. Diane Fredin second.

Treasurer Report for September, was presented by President Jeff DuCharme in Tom's absence. Eldrene make a motion to approve the treasurer's report, second by Diane Fredin. Motion passed.

New Business:

Collection Committee Report

Vicki, Wendy, Mike

Collection Committee Report was presented Mike Reinhardt.

The following items were reviewed for consideration

- 1.) Milk Can – Shortie Tesh Star Creamery, outside of Henderson. We already have one milk can, but have no history on it, and it's in poor condition. The committee suggests that we accept this milk can and deaccession the current can.
- 2.) Milk pail – we have several other pails in the collection and the committee recommends not accepting this milk pail.
- 3.) From McLeod County Historical Society:

- a. A Sibley County notary stamp in a case. Excellent condition. Committee recommends accepting this item.
 - b. In addition to the above, there was some genealogy information on Sibley County families, two small notebooks from 1. Gaylord Bank & Insurance company, 2 Over 60 Band with names included. The Committee referred the genealogy info over to the genealogy committee.
 - c. Pictures of New Auburn school and teachers. These were given to Joy for the New Auburn museum.
 - d. Rural School Commencement Program/Graduate names. Given to the genealogy committee.
- 4.) Child Car Seat Recommending not to accept this item.
 - 5.) 1957 Slide Rule (not specific to Sibley County). Recommending not to accept this item.
 - 6.) Marie Main had a Gaylord Cognoscente Club Hat. We already have an item in the collection. The committee does not recommend keeping that hat.
 - 7.) 2015 Ledger form the above Club was referred to the genealogy committee.
 - 8.) Ed Duchane had donated some Stars and Stripes newspapers. They are in fair shape. It was recommended not accepting them since they are not related to Sibley County.
 - 9.) Jonell Christiansen had a Korean Army Uniform. We have multiple military uniforms in the collection. We recommend not accepting this uniform.
 - 10.) Janet Jerotomy family. Genealogy would like to add the genealogy information. We do not have a Henderson letter sweater – so we would like to add that to the collection. There were several Henderson yearbooks and unfortunately, we are declining the year books. Jeff will meet Janet to receive the items.

Discussion on the Stars and Strips items. Discussion also included challenging the Collections Committee. Discussion ensued as to what the long-range plan for the museum is and what to do with the excess of items.

Joy made a motion to accept the collection committee report as stated. Diane second. Motion passed.

Holly – Newsletter update. Slated to go to print tomorrow, however waiting for input on a Holiday event.

Holly reported three possibilities for dates for the Holiday event.

- 1.) December 5 (1-5)
- 2.) January 2 (? If too soon after the 1st)
- 3.) January 9 (1-5)

Discussion was to have two events (in case of inclement weather), discussion if there would be attendance after Christmas.

Thought was to have three presentations, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00.

Question if there would be enough volunteers. We will need a committee set up for it.

Motion to have the Holiday event on January 2nd and 9th. Joy made the motion and Shirley second to hold the Holiday even on January 2nd and 9th.

Updates from Jeff:

1. Air conditioning: B&R has installed the new air conditioning unit.
2. Scott Voss of Voss Construction repaired the slate roof leak. They will not be able to do this in the future as they are not in the slate roof business. Scott will forward to Jeff a couple of roofers who work on slate roofs.
3. Pastor Kent Meyer did his model airplane presentation. It was well attended. He did a great job.

Arlene had contacted Jeff to meet with **Charles and Donna Meyer**. They are the couple who gave the donations to create the new addition to the building. Tom and Mike also meet with them. They discussed their past donations to the SCHS and a planned donation of \$15,000 this year. Question if we should put something in the newsletter, thanking the Meyers. We will do this upon receipt of the contribution, probably the March 2022 issue.

Christmas Event – Holly Harjes. See Holly's hand written notes.

Thoughts of removing the current exhibit to allow the Christmas event to occur.

Items:

- 1.) Food – everyone on the board should bring cookies or bars. Discussion of where the food will be served.
- 2.) Volunteers for the event was discussed. Board to assist. Looking for people to take charge of some responsibilities. See list on Holly's notes. Volunteers are asked to contact Holly (please text Holly at 507-993=6970 to sign up for areas she has identified. Please add your name to your text message.
- 3.) Christmas Event Decoration – Denise Johnson from Winthrop was recommended by the Meyers for the decorating of the museum for Christmas. Diane Fredin will speak with Denise Johnson and then will pass her info unto the committee.

We accepted Holly's report as given.

Email which was sent to Arlene and cc to Jeff. **Ann Tracy** wrote the email. Her great aunt was Lil Simmer. Lil was a photography. We have the studio camera (studio in LeSeuer). Photos from 1910. Her proposal for an 2022 exhibit was reviewed. She would be in Minnesota in May to set up her exhibit and would take it down prior to her leaving to return home in late summer.

Motion to Ann Tracy's Photo collection for 2022 by Holly, second by Shirley

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley A Black, Secretary

get Board met

Proposal

@ Our Museum
SCHS

I. Dates - one or two Sundays

- A. ~~Dec 5 - 15~~ Sun. } Who will work
- B. Jan 2 1-5 Sun.
- Jan 9 1-5 Sun

II. Schedule

- A. Nov. Set up Days?
- B. If Covid shut us down - leave all in place for 2022
- C. If weather cancels us - try another date or cancel

III. Food - only in Kitchen & office

- A. Cookies, nuts, candy bars by Board & others
- B. Coffee - asking Almqvist sisters
- C. Cider - Museum has old coffee pot
- D. Napkins etc - supplies in old bathroom - Count
- E. Arlene B. has some silver serving dishes

IV. Open House - Party - Social atmosphere

- A. Grades for 3 floors
- B. Reception table, sign in, drawing, both doors
- C. Couple of Urns per room "to sit"
- D. Couple tables - chairs in office for coffee time

V. Advertise - ready in Oct

- A. Board contact their towns: Church, clubs, businesses
- B. Posters, Newspapers, Radio, programs
- C. Emphasize Sibley County (your) museum

VIII. Book sales - Consider Dec 5 esp School Book Fair & have drawing for School Book

VII. Calendar Who can invite the most visitors?

- A. Sept - Commit, sign up for tasks
- B. Oct - ad, poster, articles ready
- C. Nov - Set up days TBD
- D. Dec Newsletter out

Tom
Holly, Diane, Jeff

III. Program - Eldrene has plan
 Chairs to put up in Parlor & living room
 then have some background music - victrola is fixed

- IX. Preparations - be festive
- A. Greeters on porch & outside back door
 Museum has big furry coats
 - B. Marie has special tall tree for at base
 of upstairs railing
 - C. ~~the~~ Candles in all windows - battery? elec?.
 - D. Clean sidewalks & driveway
 - E. Lowell N - decorations outside scalings
 - F. Feather trees by Museum & Arlene B
 - G. Extra sled, skates, etc on porch?

- X. Decorating
- A. Each Board member (or grand) be willing to help decorate - adding accents in each room. Museum has plenty to use. Marie & Arlene have some ideas
 - B. Make Nov dates / time to volunteer

XI. Basic Team Leader/s Sun I Sun II

- Volunteers
1. Server
 2. Guide
 3. Cleanup
 4. Greeter
 5. Guest Table
 6. Advertisement
 7. Set up chairs
 8. Program Presenter
 9. outside scooping
 10. decorating time
 11. Supplies inventory
 12. Foods

Create Poster

Done Sign or Up Sheets



12 tasks

Arlene, Marie, Sharon & Holly discussed details