

Shakopee Heritage Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 17, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Shakopee Public Library

President Lois Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Members in attendance were Lois Wendt, David Schleper, Wes Reinke, Melissa Whiting, Don McNeil, and Jody Brennan.

Don added Arby's as item 9d to the agenda. Wes added Donations, item 9e, to the agenda. Don added History of Shakopee Heritage Society as item 9f to the agenda.

The secretary's report was discussed. Motion by Lois, second by Melissa to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Melissa read the treasurer's report. We had an ending balance of \$31,039.40, with \$26,887 for the Pathways of Shakopee History (POSH) project. Motion by David, second by Wes to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Last meeting, Beth Strunk was a new member. The Melchiors renewed. Almost everybody has re-upped their membership. Melissa will bring the membership list next time as Lois is willing to call members to remind them to renew. Wes is working on something to promote membership on social media.

David mentioned that we put in for a \$40,000 donation from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC), but haven't heard back yet. There will be a meeting with Charlie Vig and others from the SMSC and a few people from the POSH group. The first three signs are now in production. The plan is to have the three signs in the ground in early July, and have the next three done so that they're ready for the POSH fundraiser. Jody inquired about the newspaper doing a short story. David mentioned that this will happen when the signs are in the ground. Jody inquired about a celebration when the signs are in. We want to have a celebration with donors when all the signs are installed. We could plug on Facebook when the signs are in. David has the photos for two more signs and will send out to all those in the POSH group.

The POSH fundraiser will be at Turtle's on Sept. 13. Wes and Melissa will test PayPal for online ticket sales, which we're looking at the beginning of July as a target. Donation letters will go out in June. Wes will get the online store set up, shooting for by July. The next POSH meeting is June 18. Don had talked with somebody who has Shakopee-stamped bricks for the fundraiser.

David thinks the bus cost may be too much for people to do for the field trip to the Sibley House on Aug. 18. Lois asked for a list of interested people. We have done field trips where people have driven and carpoled. David suggested that we meet somewhere for those interested in driving. David and Lois are willing to drive. The cost for the field trip is \$6 per person for tickets. Donna and Lois will have a report at the next meeting.

Melissa received a vendor sheet for the International Festival but will not be there. Lois is willing to complete the form. Cost is \$25, and it will be on Friday, Aug. 3. Jody will follow up with River Valley Festival on booths. David mentioned that Rhythm on the Rails is coming up and will contact Elliot at the Chamber on prices or if they're OK with us talking with patrons.

Wes will see if the Storer diary is in the files from Don Wagner. The 1891 Sketchbook was a book that we were reselling, likely from Scott County. Wes is teasing sales on the books on social media to increase sales. David has 10 left of *We Were Fierce*. Melissa will check how many remain in her inventory. David hopes to get two or three more books out before the next fundraiser at Turtle's.

Melissa has the Leroy Lebens photos to look at to decide if we want to use them for the fundraiser. We are looking at having a board retreat on Wednesday, July 11 to look through photos at Jay and Melissa's.

Wes is working on a webpage for donations of artifacts and photos after inquiries from the public on where to donate Shakopee-related items. He will also ensure something is included in the newsletter about this. We will take small items

for donations. Recent donations we have received include Dr. Buck's bust, glass plate photos from Beth Strunk, and photos from Pat Cates.

Don thinks we should have a history of the group. He has asked Betty Dols if she would create a history of the original Shakopee Heritage Society, to which she has said she would.

Don asked about the house by the train tracks, near the old Shakopee Brewery. Once the owner passes away, the house will be demolished. Don will call to see if the board could get a tour of the house.

Motion by David, second by Melissa, to approve the maroon-bordered logo for the Shakopee Heritage Society. Motion carried.

Motion by Melissa, second by David, to approve the first three signs as they were presented for production. Motion carried.

Motion by Wes, second by David to make Pat Ploumen a lifetime member of the Shakopee Heritage Society. Motion carried.

Jody mentioned that the Rev. Samuel Pond statue fundraiser at the Shakopee Brewery did well. Melissa noticed that there weren't many empty chairs. David noticed that the drinks there were named for history-related items.

Motion by Don, second by Wes to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.