

Shakopee Heritage Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Shakopee Public Library Upstairs Meeting Room

President Lois Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Members in attendance were Lois Wendt, David Schleper, Wes Reinke, Melissa Whiting, Donna Lane, and Jody Brennan.

David added Patty Thielen-Best and videotaping to the agenda.

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

Melissa read the treasurer's report. We had a starting balance of \$30,717.40. We have an ending balance of \$30,976.44, with \$26,708.50 for the Pathways of Shakopee History (POSH) project. Motion by Jody, second by Wes to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

We have one new member this month – Chris Fischer/Funkiphino, at the Silver Club Level. Lois noticed that there may have been some members missing in Joy's labels. We will provide her with an updated membership list.

The stands for the 10 trail signs are here. Tomorrow at 10 a.m. Public Works will meet with David and Jay at the history park site to mark the signs. We will get the trail signs in hopefully by the end of this month and they will go up. The remaining posts will be in the ground until we get the signs made for them.

Joy and Lois will meet with Bryan Turtle next Thursday to set the menu for the POSH fundraiser. Turtle's will be on a quarter of a sign in exchange for two years of free use of the social centre. Wes made a document to add total monetary donations for each year to determine overall sponsorship level, which he will share with Melissa, as well. Once we're close to the fundraiser, Lois will ask for help setting up the day of. The POSH committee will meet the night prior. Donna has had people ask what percentage of the ticket price covers the meal. Fourteen tickets have been turned in so far. Donna will provide Lois with Rock Spring items.

Lois and Donna will call members at the end of July regarding the field trip. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the parking lot across from the front of Bill's Toggery. Sandy Olson has volunteered to drive, as well, with room for four. David will make maps for those who would like them who are driving. Cost is \$6 per person for the field trip. It is easiest to pay Donna, with a check payable to the Shakopee Heritage Society, and we will cut a check from the Shakopee Heritage Society to the Sibley House.

David has provided a copy of the Daniel Storer diary to Wes, who will scan the pages to get the text, and then will verify the accuracy of the text scanned. We will have to find the photos.

We had a good crowd at the Taste of Shakopee. Wes, Jody, Jody's daughter Maddie, and David helped. We had income of \$57 at the booth, and many ideas for improving the booth. Jody has bought a book stand for books. Sean Vander Veen won the drawing for a free membership. Jody will draft letters for the winner and non-winners.

We should be at the International Festival at 4 p.m. that day. David, Lois, Don, Jody, and Donna had offered to help. Donna will provide a canopy, rope, sand bottles, table, two chairs, and rocks for weights.

David contacted the Chamber of Commerce about Rhythm on the Rails, but received no response. He talked to the contact person in person and gave him his info, as it would have to be approved by the guy's supervisor, but no response has been received. David's understanding is that Jay will follow up. If we did a booth at this event, consensus was it would have to be less than \$50 for a space.

Lois had found a thinking of you card to send to Darleen Schesso, and Don was going to send her a plant.

First Avenue Framing will frame a photo for the silent auction. Joy is waiting to get Rock Spring photos from Jay. There may be a Rock Spring photo collage.

Billy Wermerskirchen would like to put photos of Bill's Toggery and his dad in his store. He requested copies of those photos from the Shakopee Heritage Society. We do have a price sheet for photo requests. David doesn't mind providing him with the photos and waiving the fee, as they're family-related digital photos. Motion by David, second by Jody to provide Billy with digital copies of the photos, at no charge. Motion carried. Wes will email the photos to Billy.

Patty Thielen-Best had contacted David. She is coming to Shakopee Aug. 6-12. She had mentioned to David that the police took down the photo of her dad that was at the police station, and nobody knew where it went. The photo was supposed to go to her. It was discovered that the Scott County Historical Society has it, and wouldn't return it to Patty, as the police had donated it, and that the police department would have to request it back. David asked if we could donate one of the photos we have of Pat Thielen to Patty, after Wes scans the photo for our digital archives. The board consensus was to give Patty a copy of the same photo.

David mentioned that he and Wes videotaped Hilary and Irene Drees. Hilary is the son of Hilarius Drees, a former hog farmer. We're hoping to put snippets of the interview onto the website. David thinks he and Wes should videotape some of the other elder members of our community if they're willing to be interviewed. Farmer Marschall suggested interviewing Mary Hart, and Betty Dols was suggested as another person to interview. Donna will provide David with Mary's contact information.

Billy Wermerskirchen put David in touch with Dan Anderson, who might be able to provide a slot machine to have on display at the POSH fundraiser and silent auction. David is working to connect with Dan to see if we could arrange for this.

Wes inquired on if we are charging \$5 per book or per order for online sales shipping. We are charging \$5 per order. David thinks that we should have a 15-percent discount for all items except the Walking Tour book. Motion by David to give members at 15-percent discount on books, rounded up to the next dollar. Motion carried. Wes could generate coupon codes for members to receive the member discount online.

Motion by Wes, second by Jody to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.