

SHS Spring Meeting April 25, 2009

The Shakopee Heritage Society held its Spring meeting on Saturday April 25, 2009 at the Shakopee Public Library Meeting Room.

President Joe Collins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

15 members present plus 3 guests

Minutes for the January 2009 meeting not available.

Treasurer's Report:

\$8025.96 Balance. Motion to approve by Jay W/2nd by Gerry K., passed

Resignation of board member Bob Smisek accepted, President Joe Collins appointed Jay W. to fill Bob's place.

Web Site: Joe and Pat are working on getting the site up and going.

Shakopee Showcase: Members, Joe C., Pat P., Lois W. Jay W. Don McNeil, Don Wagner who manned the booth were pleased with the interest shown by the people at the Showcase. Besides the display of the Societies various books, brochure advertising our Society and Newsletters Jay W. brought a poster advertising the "SHAKOPEE STORY" and Joe Collins put together a poster advertising the upcoming "HOUSE TOURS." President Collins commented on the various ways we can get our Society's name advertised.

SHAKOPEE STORY: Jay W. reported on the progress of the book. A total of 2000 books have been set for printing. The price for members is \$25.00 at this point with the price increase to \$35.00 to the general public. The book should be ready by the middle of May. Jay reported that 10% of the books have been pre-sold which will pay back our Societies initial investment. Jay plans on a book release event, most likely to be held at the Shakopee Library.

Membership Dues: If you have not paid for 2009 this is a reminder that the dues are due.

Harriet Pink: was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership Certificate for her hard work and dedication to our Society. Thank you Harriet for all the time you've freely given to our Society.

Newsletter: It was reported that some of the members have not been receiving the "Newsletter." Pat P. will check the membership list with Don Wagner and get this oversight corrected.

Home Tours: The committee has been busy checking with homeowners. The committee is looking for any suggestions. Jeanne Bjomberg from the Strunk-Nyssen house was present at our meeting and showed some interest in the Tour.

Discussion followed re: the various annual events of our Society.

Next meeting: July of 2009, annual meeting and picnic. The plan is to have it at Northridge Court like last year. Pat P. will check for the availability of the meeting room. Look for more information in the upcoming Newsletter.

Meeting programs: Members are asked to suggest what would interest them for the upcoming meetings.

Scott County Historical Society: Kathy Klehr is looking for people to interview for the “Greatest Generation” project and asking for “uniforms” for display.

Motion to adjourn made by Don McNeil at 1:35 pm. 2nd by Jay W./ passed.

Refreshments were served:

Speaker : Jefferson Spilman, Site Supervisor for the Three Rivers Part District spoke to our members. He spoke of the beginnings of the park area and gave us a slide presentation of the various historic houses at the Park. Many of our members remembered the various homes and businesses that were shown and were able to tell some stories of the same.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Schmitz, member