



**THE SHAKOPEE HERITAGE
JULY PICNIC/MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011**

A picture perfect summer evening is how I'd describe the evening of our picnic meeting. Blue skies, puffy white clouds, a temperature in the low 70's and a slight breeze from the south that cooled the evening air added to our members comfort.

President Jay Whiting and wife Melissa opened their home to the Shakopee Heritage Society for the evening events. A sumptuous array of food was on the buffet that was tempting everyone's appetite so that was the first order of the evening. The dessert table overflowed its surface with multiple chocolate concoctions and other delicacies for all to enjoy.

After all were gratified and a second call to the dessert table was made, President Jay Whiting called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. There were 22 members and 5 guests present.

Treasurers Report: Balance of \$7383.50. Motion to accept Don W/ Don McNeil, passed.

Secretaries Report: Motion to accept Jerry/Pat, passed.

House/Site Tour: will be on Saturday September 10, 2011. Pat Ploumen reported on the status of same and asked members for their support and assistance at the various home/sites.

Derby Days: Members were asked to sign up for 2-3 hour shifts at our booth on Friday the 5th and Saturday the 6th.

Answer to our Mystery Picture in our July Newsletter: The man with the hat was Mr. George Scherkenbach.

Prize drawings were drawn and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Our guest speaker, SHS member Kathy Siler spoke to us about her grandparents, Jack and Minnie Abeln's, home on the Corner of West Fourth Ave. and Atwood Street. The home was built in 1875 by Shakopee resident Frank Buch. The home is no longer there, victim of progress. Kathy shared with us her remembrances and pictures of the house, her grandparents and the enjoyable days she spent there as a child. Thank you Kathy for the interesting history of days gone by and now in the past.

SHS member Clarence Czaia, former mayor of Shakopee who now resides in Florida was in Shakopee visiting and was present at our gathering. His wife, son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter were with him. Many members remembered him from his days in Shakopee and his telling us of his travels and boyhood memories of Shakopee kept us wanting to hear more.

Just before dusk members started home and another SHS meeting was over. Till next time, Good will, Good Cheer to all.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Schmitz, secretary.