

Shakopee Heritage Society
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, 1 p.m.
Shakopee Public Library

President Lois Wendt called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and did an introduction of new members. There were 12 total members in attendance.

Lois read the secretary's report from the April 22, 2017 membership meeting. Motion by Nancy Schmit, second by Don McNeil to approve. Carried.

Lois read the treasurer's report. We have \$29,265.92 in the bank account, with \$24,987.46 for the Pathways of Shakopee History Project. This doesn't include the \$10,000 that the City has from the SMSC. Jay Whiting had bid on a free event at Turtle's Social Centre and earned it, and donated that to the SHS. The \$500 door prize was won by John Otto and donated back to the SHS for the silent auction. Motion by Don McNeil, second by Wes Reinke to approve the treasurer's report with additions. Donna Lane suggested showing the donation as an expense and then a donation back to the organization for financials. Motion carried.

Wes has two 1-terabyte external hard drives. We will be backing up our computer files, and once complete, Wes will keep a copy and Melissa will keep a copy.

A grant request for \$39,000 was submitted to the State. David will be hearing in November on this. After the preliminary reading of the request, the State asked for more information. The fundraiser at Turtle's was a big success, according to Lois. Interesting items were bid up (e.g. a Rock Spring wooden box). David spoke. Nancy Schmit thought the event was nice, as she saw people who have lived in Shakopee forever, and would like to do the event again. Corky Mars said it was a good mix of people, and a well done event. There are some stakes along the path to the History Park. Lois mentioned that Marty Berens has been helping us with the kiosk and its architectures. The kiosk will be near where the footprint of the Pond House is. The City will put up a sign that says "History Park coming soon."

Don McNeil had a video of the Valley Cemetery tour that he shared with Wes. Wes is piecing together the videos and will upload it to YouTube. Don noted that the condition of Valley Cemetery is sad. He will follow through to see who's responsible for maintenance. Lois mentioned that about 14 people attended the tour.

Feedback was solicited about the summer potluck. Having it on a Wednesday was good. Sending out a survey on time, dates, and possibly having something besides a potluck. A survey could also include activities and barriers that kept people from coming.

David has presented on the streets of Shakopee and women of Shakopee at the Šakpe ti Senior Lounge at the community center. Each month he gives a presentation. Don mentioned that the display case at the library is another venue the SHS uses to display items, and suggested that we mention when the display case is in use, in our newsletters.

Ideas for future projects and field trips include doing something about the condition of Valley Cemetery. When we do another fundraiser, there will be plenty of items for people to do, so more help is sought.

Don mentioned that Darlene Schesso's son, David, passed away last night, and that Don Wagner is not doing well.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. for a short break, followed by an activity led by Lois.