

Shakopee Heritage Society
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, 1 p.m.
Shakopee Public Library

President Lois Wendt called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and did an introduction of new members. There were 20 total members in attendance.

Wes read the secretary's report from the October 21, 2017 membership meeting. Motion by Don McNeil/Jay Whiting to approve the secretary's report. Carried. Lois noted that the City now has the sign up saying "History Park is coming soon." When spring comes, we'll have much more in the ground.

Melissa read the treasurer's report. We have \$4592.13 in the bank account (not including Pathways of Shakopee History funds). We have \$25,837.46 in the bank account for the Pathways of Shakopee History (POSH) project, not including the \$10,000 that the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community gave the City of Shakopee to be used for this project. Motion by Dave Schleper/Donna Lane to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Lois passed around a thinking of you card for Pat Ploumen.

Dave and Wes gave an update on the back-up of computer files. Wes has two one-terabyte external hard drives and will back up the SHS files onto both, and we will keep them in two different locations.

We put in another application and were turned down for a grant from the Minnesota History Center. We will continue to work on other ways to get other money for the POSH project. We are starting the first 10 signs and doing the kiosk signs after that. We're hoping to have them up in the spring.

Dave talked about *We Were Fierce!* This is the first of about 10 books we're publishing related to early history. This book talks about 10 women. We will be donating 22 copies to the schools, library, Scott County Historical Society, Minnesota History Center, senior lounge, as well, thanks to the donation from the Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative. The money from the other copies will be used to reprint the book. We originally reprinted 100 copies. The second book will be on African Americans in early Shakopee, anticipated out in February. Lois noted that this book is dedicated to Mona Strunk.

Lois listed the upcoming presentations that Dave will be providing at the senior lounge as part of the History of Shakopee series. Wes mentioned that Carla Kress wants people to sign up ahead of time. Dave mentioned that we will probably have the Murder, Mayhem and Mystery presentation in April for the Shakopee Heritage Society.

Lois solicited ideas for field trips and activities. Suggested were the Sibley House, the Gideon Pond house (has been done, but could be redone), For Snelling, The Landing, and the Mdewakanton cultural facility (once it's complete). Dave mentioned that the Faribault house at The Landing has been redone.

Lois introduced the current officers and opened up nominations. Motion by Jay Whiting/David Schleper to nominate Lois Wendt for the office of president; Lois accepted. Jay Whiting/Wes Reinke made a motion to close nominations and cast a white ballot for Lois Wendt for president. Carried. Motion by Melissa Whiting/Donna Lane to nominate Wes Reinke for the office of secretary; Wes accepted. Motion by Jay Whiting to close nominations and cast a white ballot for Wes Reinke for secretary. Carried. Motion by Marion Schmidt/Jay Whiting to nominate Donna Lane for a trustee position; Donna accepted. Motion by Jay Whiting to close nominations and cast a white ballot for Donna Lane for the trustee position. Carried. Motion by Jay Whiting/Melissa Whiting to nominate David Schleper for vice-president; David accepted. Motion by Jay Whiting/Wes Reinke to close nominations and cast a white ballot for David Schleper for vice-president. Carried. Motion by Jay Whiting to nominate Jody Brennan as a trustee position; Jody accepted. Motion by Jay Whiting to close nominations and cast a white ballot for Jody Brennan as trustee. Carried.

Jay thinks there is a cemetery committee for Valley Cemetery. Lois mentioned that we have contacted the person there, who also takes care of St. Mark's. Don had also followed up with this man, as well.

Lois mentioned that Saturday, April 21, 2018 is the next membership meeting. We will hear the Murder, Mayhem, and Mystery presentation from David Schleper. Motion by Don McNeil/David Schleper to adjourn. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.