



## **Board Meeting at Loken's Inn Meeting Room March 6, 2023**

**Call to order:** President Terri Benson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members Jack O'Donnell, Jackie Becker, and Sally Ryman were also present. Kari Meyer, Nancy Snyder, and Anne Spartz were unable to attend. Nancy Rustad, Michele Ekern, and Megan Ekern were also present.

**Board Member renewals and nomination of Officers:** Jack's and Terri's terms expired; both agreed to serve another three-year term (2023-2026). Officers were reelected for another term – Terri, president; Kari, vice president; Jack, treasurer; and Sally, secretary.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the February 6 board meeting were posted on the website. Moved by Jackie, seconded by Jack, to approve the February minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jack reported the following balances as of February 28, 2023:

1. Checking (.25%) – \$11,620.51 – Since February 28, he has paid bills for \$383.60 (\$296.02 for electrical updates in depot office, which is less than planned, because Jen donated a \$45 Menard's gift card toward the project; \$87.48 for the 8x4 MDO sheet for the "train" sign; \$72.00 for three months of Security Plus; and \$22.95 for mailing expenses)
2. Money Market (4%) – \$13,573.58
3. CD (12 month@ 4.25%) - \$51,000
4. Recap of 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing donations received - We're received over \$2,000 from the mailing.
5. MiEnergy Operation Round Up grant application has been submitted for \$2,000. We should know in a month or so if we received it.
6. Grant team – Some grant opportunities have been identified. Terri moved, Jack seconded, for Jackie and Sally to be on a grant committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Sally, seconded by Terri, to approve the treasurers report as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Terri, seconded by Jackie, to apply for a \$10,000 AcenTek grant. Motion carried.

### **Meeting Discussion**

- Electrical improvements – The outlets and lights project is done. (See February minutes for project details.)
- Repair and Preserve Fundraiser – Jack bought the 4'x8' MDO board and primed it; we have the paint and brushes. Lauren Honken will be painting it during the next week. We need to decide if it should be sealed and will ask Lauren if she can touch it up if it starts fading.
- T-shirts – Reorder Rushford Lager t-shirts and create a new one for 2023. Ideas to discuss at the next meeting include: repeat brewery t-shirt, Native American trails, house calls by snowmobile (doctor picture); ski jump. The sooner we decide and order the shirts, the better the price will be.
- Outreach to our community – Terri will be sending out a survey on the best way to reach out to individuals.

**April Meeting Topics** – t-shirts, reaching out to organizations (Jackie volunteered for Lion's), and the Lion's article that Terri had emailed to the board

**Adjournment:** Moved by Jack, seconded Jackie, to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried.

**Next meeting – April 3 at Loken's at 6:00 p.m.**