



Board Meeting at Loken's Inn Meeting Room June 5, 2023

Call to order: President Terri Benson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members Jack O'Donnell, Nancy Snyder, Jackie Becker, and Sally Ryman were in attendance. Pat Georgens was also present. Anne Spartz and Kari Meyer were unable to attend.

County Cemetery - Terri had pictures of Henry Stage's gravesite. Jim Hoiness and Jack cleared it with string trimmers a while ago. Stage was a Civil War veteran, 7th Minnesota Infantry, Company K, and active in the community. His wife and others are buried there too.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the May 1 board meeting were posted on the website and reviewed during the meeting. Moved by Nancy, seconded by Jack, to approve the May minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jack reported the following balances as of May 31, 2023:

1. Checking (.25%) – \$14,333.57 – There were three deposits, including \$178 from the donation box and other donations. The gas bill was \$76 and \$156 for 12 additional Rushford Lager t-shirts. Since the end of May he's written checks to the hardware store for \$17.88 and \$72 for the security system, which are not included in this balance. He has \$12 from the donation box and a \$50 donation check to deposit.
2. Money Market (4%) – \$13,710.89 (includes \$46.42 interest)
3. CD (12 month@ 4.25%) - \$51,534.45 (includes \$534.45 interest from the first quarter)

Moved by Jackie, seconded by Nancy, to approve the treasurers report as presented. Motion carried.

Meeting Discussion

Grant Follow Ups

1. Arlin Falck – We received it in December and they want a project progress report 60 days after the project is completed or 9 months after received the money. Nancy and other board members completed the form following the meeting, and Nancy will send it to Terri to submit.
2. Minnesota Historical Society – The preapplication deadline is July 21 to resubmit our large grant request. Sally will draft it and have the board review it July 17 at 6:00 p.m. The draft will address items noted by the review committee and the grant peer reviewer. Terri will see if Loken's is available on the 17th. Sally will email it to Todd Grover (our architect). He will need to adjust the budget and work plan.

Community Celebrations and Interactions

1. Rushford Days – July 14-16 – The board began signing up for times to be at Creekside to promote RAHS, sell t-shirts, and sell Rushford Days kids' wrist bands, etc.: Friday 4-7 (Nancy & Terri) and 7-10 (Sally & Kari-tentative); Saturday 9:30-12:30 (Terri), 12:30-3:30 (Sally), 3:30-6:30 (Kari-tentative) 6:30-9:30 (Sally and Kari-tentative) Terri will ask Nancy R. and Diane if they could help too. We'll try to have at least two people in each time slot. Items to bring: T-shirts, donation box, and fundraising sign. Sally will check with Brenda Tesch to see if MiEnergy would print a large "track" sign that would fit on the A-frames.
2. BAM (Bike Across Minnesota) – August 17 – They expect 325-350 people to participate in this year's BAM event. BAM has catering and music planned at Creekside, but there may be opportunities for activities, music, or other ideas to welcome and encourage donations. We could have buildings open; Terri will see if Jen Hengel has their schedule to figure out when/what we should do. We'll discuss it further in July.

3. T-shirt and Artwork – The board suggested the bluff and RAHS logo would make a shirt that people would buy. Sally will take a picture of the bluff and send it and the RAHS logo to Sandy at J&D's Special T's. Both could be on the front or bluff and rushfordhistory.com on front and logo on back. Nancy suggested we should have long-sleeve t-shirts too. We'll review them at our next meeting to have for in time for BAM.
4. Genealogy Classes – The board discussed when, type of class, where, and amount to charge: early November in the school forum room, beginners class at first and possibly a series. Terri will reach out to Michelle Ekern and Beth to see what the library has done in the past and if we could get a grant for a speaker and/or workshops.

Reminders

- Lumberjack program is on Wednesday, June 7, 6 p.m. at the Legion
- Lion's will be feeding the Wagon Train group at the end of the month in the levee overflow area off Park Street

Adjournment: Moved by Nancy, seconded by Jack, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting – July 17, Loken's Inn (tentative), 6:00 p.m.