



Board Meeting at Loken's Inn Meeting Room July 3, 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, Kari Meyer, and Sally Ryman were in attendance. Anne Spartz was absent.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June 5 board meeting were posted on the website and reviewed during the meeting. Moved by Nancy, seconded by Jack, to approve the June minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jack reported the following balances as of June 30, 2023:

1. Checking (.25%) – \$14,292.36 – (It includes \$2.94 interest; phone, security and PO box rent payments; donations of \$62 and \$101. Donations deposited yesterday of \$165 are not included. A gas bill for \$28.43 needs to be paid.)
2. Money Market (4%) – \$13,755.97 (includes \$45.08 interest)
3. CD (12 month@ 4.25%) - \$51,534.45 (includes \$534.45 interest from the first quarter)

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

Meeting Discussion

Grant Follow Ups

1. Minnesota Historical Society – The preapplication deadline is July 21 to resubmit our large grant request. Todd Grover is working on the budget and work plan portions. He informed us that volunteer labor cannot be included as a match and asked if we have any matching funds available. We will discuss July 17.

Sally will revise last year's application for the board to review on July 17 at 5:00 p.m. The draft will address items noted by the MNHS review committee, the grant peer reviewer, and changes in the grants manual.

2. Arlin Falck Foundation – They received our progress report and approved it. Dale Evavold requested a meeting July 10 around 10 a.m. They are visiting some of their recent grantees. Sally, Jackie, Jack, Nancy and Kari plan on attending.

Community Celebrations and Interactions

1. Loaning out items for high school reunions – Terri has been approached by two different class reunion members who want to pick up their senior pictures. She is putting them in poster frames that Nancy had. Donny Kjos would like to use the football trophy and other memorabilia. The board agreed this was okay as long as a check-out process is followed and no delicate items are loaned. Ruth Peterson wants an electronic version to put on a program; Terri will get the electronic versions from Diane who photographed all the class pictures.
2. Jail House – The Scout project is complete. The flowers are being watered daily through this dry weather. Jack and Kathy shared how the jail was previously laid out, and we'll work on getting the inside more historically accurate. Jack will put a screen door latch on to keep it shut and the birds out, because visitors open the door to look inside and it stays open. Jonah Buchanan will have an Eagle Scout ceremony this fall that will involve us.

3. Rushford Days – July 14-16 – Board members will be at Creekside to promote RAHS, sell t-shirts, and sell Rushford Days kids’ wrist bands. Sally will check with Brenda Tesch to see if MiEnergy would print a large “track” sign that would fit on the A-frames. Nancy will bring a cash box. Here is the schedule:
Friday 4-7 (Nancy & Kari) and 7-10 (Sally & Kari); Drop off the totes at Terri’s (Sally & Terri talk)
Saturday 9:30-12:30 (Terri), 12:30-3:30 (Sally), 3:30-6:30 (Kari) 6:30-9:30 (Sally and Kari-tentative)
4. BAM (Bike Across Minnesota) will be in Rushford August 17. They expect 325-350 people to participate in this year’s BAM event. BAM has catering and music planned at Creekside where most of them will camp. We’ll open the historic buildings and have recorded music to invite them in when they arrive in town on the trail. Sally will redo the walking tour brochure and send it to the board to review in time for this event.
5. Volunteers to keep museum open – The board discussed how we could keep the museum open for at least a few hours on weekends. We would need a larger group of volunteers to create a schedule. At this time we don’t know of any programs to pay someone to work at the depot.
6. Monthly Email – We didn’t send one out in June. Terri is working on the jail house history for a June/July story to send out. Sally will put it on the website.

Adjournment: Moved by Nancy, seconded by Kari, to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Special meeting – July 17, Loken’s Inn, 5:00 p.m. to discuss MNHS grant

Next regular meeting – August 7, Loken’s Inn, 6:00 p.m.