



## Board Meeting at Loken's Inn Meeting Room August 7, 2023

**Call to order:** President Terri Benson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Board members Jack O'Donnell, Anne Spartz, Jackie Becker, Kari Meyer, and Sally Ryman were in attendance. Nancy Snyder was absent. Gail Barnard-Boyum was a guest.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the July 3 board meeting were posted on the website. Moved by Terri, seconded by Jack, to approve the July minutes. Motion carried.

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

1. Checking (.25%) – \$15,215.05 – Expenses paid in July: Engelsson accounting \$300 to have the taxes done. (It was higher this year due research to ensure the grant was properly reported); Acentek \$117.98; MiEnergy \$28.43 and \$25.67 thru June; lawnmowing \$210 (\$30 a time). There were a number of deposits: \$810 from the chamber; \$3.10 worth of interest; donation box \$117, \$91, \$193, \$165; t-shirts \$60; \$200 from class 1978.
2. Money Market (4%) – \$13,802.70 (includes \$46.73 interest)
3. CD (12 month@ 4.25%) - \$52,080.50 as of July 13 (includes two interest payments of \$534.45)

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

### Meeting Discussion

1. **Monthly Email** – Last month we sent out a story about the jail to supporters. Consensus was to write about the Stone School House for August.
2. **T-shirt Design Review** – 60 sage green shirts have been ordered and will be printed once the design is approved. The board reviewed an updated design with the bluff on it. The board didn't like the bluff and felt it needed more depth and color. Moved by Anne, seconded by Jackie, to move forward with the logo, a line under it, and then the website below it, all in green, on the t-shirts. Motion carried.
3. **BAM (Bike Across Minnesota)** will be in Rushford August 17. They expect 325-350 people to participate in this year's BAM event. We'll sell t-shirts and hand out self-guided tour brochures. We'll have the buildings open from 12-4pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>. They want 1-3 greeters at Creekside from 2-6pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Their evening dinner is at Creekside from 4:30-7pm and a band at 8pm. Here is the work schedule so far, but Sally will seek a few more volunteers at the Depot from 2-4pm and at Creekside.
  - a. Jackie & Jack & Sally – 12-2pm Depot
  - b. Kari – 2-4pm Depot
  - c. Sally – Creekside 2-6; Kari 4-6pm

A draft Self-Guided Tour brochure was handed out with a request to review it and get back to Sally with missing information, corrections, and suggestions by Friday, August 11, so we can hand it out during BAM.

4. **Partnership with Rushford Public Library** to bring the Supreme Court Justice Alan Page "Testify: Americana from Slavery to Today" traveling display to Rushford. It will arrive between August 25-28, and Librarian Beth

Nelson is working out details of where it will be displayed, likely at school for a day or so and at the Legion for a public event with the Lions. She'll need volunteers to help set it up, etc. It will be displayed in early September.

5. **Ride the Ridges** bicyclists, up to 500, will use the depot as a rest stop on September 16. Mike Bernatz ([mdbernatz@hbc.com](mailto:mdbernatz@hbc.com), 507-457-9808) is the organizer. They need people to assist at the rest stop and a main contact. We will talk about it at the next meeting.
6. **Tri-County Record negatives** – Darlene Schober has the negatives and would give them to RAHS to have scanned and preserved. The board decided to work with the Peterson Museum to get a grant to get them scanned once we know how many there are and when they will be available. Terri will tell Darlene that we're interested; Jack and Gail will be reaching out to her about the negatives.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Sally, seconded by Terri, to adjourn at 7:30pm. Motion carried.

**Next meeting – September 4, Loken's Inn, 6:00 p.m.**