



Board Meeting at Loken's Inn Meeting Room January 2, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members Terri Benson, Anne Spartz and Sally Ryman were in person. Jack O'Donnell and Nancy Snyder attended via phone.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the December 4 board meeting were posted on the website. Moved by Jack, seconded by Terri, to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.

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

1. Checking (.25%) – \$14,219.08
2. Money Market (4%) – \$14,040.72
3. CD (12 month@ 4.25%) - \$52,638.40 (matures January 13 – Terri and Jack will go to the bank Monday to see if it can be renewed for 6 months)

Moved by Anne, seconded by Nancy, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Meeting Discussion

1. Election of Officers – postponed until February meeting
2. MNHS Large Grant Update & Next Steps – Sally had a discussion with MNHS grants staff and they will work with us to allow the visitors' center changes and roof with the foundation bid. Todd Grover proposed \$2,500 for the roof plans and \$11,280 for the visitors' center. He noted it's high, because he is concerned that MNHS will require rework. Moved Terri, seconded by Jack, to propose to Todd that we stay in a \$9,000 budget for both the visitors' center and roof. Motion carried.

To begin the fundraising process, the consensus was that Sally and Jack talk to Merchant's & RCF about a matching program in February; Terri, Jack & Sally will talk to RSB and ask about a matching program and to renew the CD. Sally will draft letter. Terri will schedule a Saturday morning meeting to brainstorm and develop a fundraising plan.

3. Update on Oral History Grant – Sally distributed a draft grant request and asked for comments by January 11 since it's due January 12. She will drop off copies at Jack and Nancy's homes.
4. Community Collaboration – Terri explained that the library has requested a SELCO grant for "Seasons in the Valley" series of events: four bands, four adult painting nights, local history displays and possibly live storytelling events. RAHS will develop displays and provide volunteer help prior to and during these events.
5. Loken's Inn will be charging \$20/hour if we go past an hour. That's their non-profit fee. Terri noted we'll need to keep our Monday meetings focused and schedule additional meetings for more in-depth topics.

Adjournment: Moved by Jack, seconded by Sally, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting – February 5, Loken's Inn, 6:00 p.m. GIVE LOKEN'S THE DATES