



Board Meeting at Loken's Inn Meeting Room February 5, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members Terri Benson, Anne Spartz, Jack O'Donnell, Nancy Snyder and Sally Ryman were present. Pat Georgens and Joyce Iverson were also present.

Election of Officers: Sally motioned, Jackie seconded, to nominate current officers, cease nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for current officers. Motion Carried. Officers are: President Terri Benson, Vice President Kari Meyer, Treasurer Jack O'Donnell, and Secretary Sally Ryman.

Bank Authorizations: Currently Jack, Anne and two others who are no longer on the board are on the bank's signature card for RAHS accounts. Moved by Terri, seconded by Nancy, to authorize the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary as bank signatories. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the January 2 board meeting were posted on the website. Moved by Nancy, seconded by Jack, to approve the January minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jack reported the following balances as of January 31, 2024:

1. Checking (.25%) – \$5,614.50 (Acentek and Minnesota Energy bills were paid in January. Deposits included \$5,630 in donations and \$3.26 interest.)
2. Money Market (4.25%) – \$28,097.63 (moved money from checking account into money market to get the interest; it's still accessible if needed for payments)
3. CD (12 month@ 4.95%) - \$53,202.28 (matured January 13 and renewed for 6 months at 4.95%)

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

Consent Agenda

1. Recognition of Dan Dubbs' \$5,000 donation. Terri send Dan a thank-you letter and two t-shirts.
2. NRHS Heritage Grant – Sally submitted a \$5,000 grant request to the National Railway Heritage Society. It was due January 31 and included a letter of support from the North Star Chapter of NRHS.
3. Receipt of New Items – Carl and Rachel Ukkestad donated two Rushford Bottling Works water bottles and a solid brass mortar and pestle set that were Ole Knutson's. Terri sent a thank-you note to Ukkestad's. Joyce Iverson donated a red star quilt with historical and material information. The board thanked Joyce for the donation.

Moved by Sally, seconded by Nancy, to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Meeting Topics

1. After discussion about having an option to donate via PayPal, including credit cards, and recommendations to have a separate bank account to receive the PayPal receipts plus the need to have a separate account to manage the MNHS grant funds, it was moved by Nancy, seconded by Jackie, to put PayPal on the website and open a checking account to receive the PayPal payments and a checking account for the MNHS grant. Motion carried.
2. Matching Funds letter approval for distribution. With approval, the letter is to be emailed tonight and mailed to a few people this week. A similar message will be posted on Face Book and rushfordhistory.com. Moved by Nancy, seconded by Jack, to accept the architect proposal and approve letter for a \$9,000 design fee for the depot roof and visitors' center area. Motion carried.

3. Two drawings of the architect's rendition for remodel in visitors' center were discussed. Consensus was that the board likes A03a but does have some question for the architect, Todd Grover, particularly regarding utilities and duct work as there aren't costs associated with that in the rough estimate.

Adjournment: Moved by Jackie, seconded by Jack , to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

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