

Spirit Historical Society, Inc.
January 27, 2019 Annual Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 1:40P.M.

Present at the meeting were Maryalice McHugh via facetime, Toni Meier, Cheryl Pierson, Jenny Mattson, Pam Welch, Karen Johnson, Michael Meier, Karen Baumgartner, Mark Nyberg, Luann Lind, and Dawn Meier. Guests included Phil Resch, Darrel Lind, Marie and Marvin Arneson, LaVonne Meier, Beryl Nyberg and Barb and Gary Failing.

The minutes of the September 9, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Michael made a motion, seconded by Karen J. to accept the minutes as presented with unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Maryalice moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Mark with unanimous approval.

The first order of business was Certificates of Appreciation presented to Karen Johnson for her many years of service and posthumously to Gene Meier, Gene's certificate will be presented to Johanna Holliday or Lance Meier.

Volunteer hours continue to be tracked and recorded into the *Past Perfect* database by Pam, who continues to assist with the administrative duties of the organization, in lieu of performing manual labor. Any hours contributed outside of organized events should be given to Pam for recording. Volunteer contributions are important to be documented as they are often needed when submitting a grant funding request.

OLD BUSINESS

Cheryl and Karen J. gave an update on the inventory of books available for sale. There was a discussion that resulted in the decision that we will leave the inventory as it is for the time being, sell what we have but not add to the collection due to space limitations and other more pressing stuff going on.

Yesterday House Repairs have been postponed until the relocation is complete.

Luann presented a sample of what the new Spirit Historical Society Newsletter will contain and look like. Since a Liberty School Newsletter has not been sent for more than a year there are many obituaries that will be posted that will make up a large portion of the next issue. The accepted idea is that the majority of the obituaries and maybe a story or two will be included in the first edition of the Spirit Historical Society Newsletter which will be followed shortly with another edition. Cheryl, LaVonne and Pam volunteered to assemble and mail out the newsletters. Luann will be working with Michael to clean up the mailing list database.

By Laws: Maryalice and Karen B. presented a draft to update the name and other changes to our bylaws. A new version of the bylaws will be voted on at the next meeting. The newsletter will make an announcement that the next meeting will be a membership meeting to accept the new bylaws.

Ground Lease Agreement with Town of Spirit for the permanent relocation of our buildings: Karen B., Luann and Dawn have been working with the Town Board to develop the language and draw up a map of the new site location. The February 2019 Town Board Meeting will be the next opportunity to finalize the agreement.

Insurance: Luann has been working with Klinner Insurance to update our insurance in order to include the Town of Spirit's legal requirements that they be named as an additional insured once we relocate to Town Property and to include the needed coverages for natural disasters and liability insurance.

Michael and Toni have succeeded in removing our name as a beneficiary to Michael's life insurance policy and we will therefore no longer be obligated to pay our portion of the insurance. It was agreed that they will pay their half of the premium for 2018.

Fundraising to move buildings:

Luann received an estimate for the moving of the Yesterday House in the amount of \$6600.00 from Schuette Movers in Merrill. In addition to that cost, there may be additional fees assessed by Price Electric Co-op to move the power lines and the Price County Sheriff's Department to control traffic during the move. Those two costs are estimated to be approximately \$1000. Pam suggested that since we have sufficient funds on hand that we should move ahead with scheduling the relocation of the Yesterday House building only in order to get on the mover's calendar for the upcoming spring/summer. It was agreed that the executive committee can move forward with coordinating the details to move the Yesterday House.

Machine Shed: The original cost of the machine shed, materials and labor included is \$23,000. Luann reported Schuette Movers told her the shed is too large to be moved and would need to be cut in half and moved in two sections. The cost of this is likely to be prohibitive and we will be looking into the possibility of building a new shed at the new location. Michael and Toni made an offer that they could purchase the existing machine shed from SHSI at the cost of \$23,000 and make it part of their personal listed property for sale. We would then need to determine size and extent of a future shed. That was tabled for future discussion.

Site Preparation: Pam has a client who does excavation and site preparation and may donate his time for our site prep. She talked to him about it once before and will have a new conversation with him adding the details that the site will need prepping this spring/early summer. Bill Evans will post the area to be prepped so Pam can show her client the area involved. It is hoped that if we cannot get the whole job donated that we will at least get a good discount on the portion that would not be donated.

Fundraising: There was a discussion regarding how to approach fundraising for the move, whether we should send out solicitation letters, an insert in the newsletter, Go Fund Me or a Facebook Fundraising option. Karen B. and Maryalice are going to look at grant writing options. Pam will research a Go Fund Me account or Facebook Fundraising options.

Election of New Board Members: The nominating committee consisting of Maryalice and Mark counted the returned ballots. The two open seats on the board of directors included Karen J. and Luann Lind completing their five year terms. Karen J. declined re-running for a new term, Luann accepted the nomination for a new term. Luann was unanimously re-elected and there were several write in votes for JaNelle Nelson, each being elected for a five year term. It was discussed and agreed that the vacancy caused by Gene's passing can be filled at any time by someone who would finish out his term which will conclude in 2021.

For next year, the nominating committee will be Cheryl Pierson and Jenny Mattson with Dawn Meier and Karen B. will be coming to the end of their five year terms.

We reviewed the calendar of events for 2019 and confirmed that the Barn Dance will be held on Sunday, May 26th and the Picnic & Open House will be July 27th.

The next S.H.S.I. Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2019 and will be a membership meeting immediately following a 12:30 potluck lunch.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier

Secretary

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Spirit Historical Society, Inc.
January 27, 2019 Election for Officers to the Board of Directors

Immediately following the annual meeting of the S.H.S.I. the Board of Directors met to elect officers to the Executive Committee:

Mark made a motion with a second by Maryalice to cast an unanimous ballot of officers to the Executive Committee which included Luann Lind as S.H.S.I. President, Karen Baumgartner as S.H.S.I. Vice President, Pam Welch as S.H.S.I. Treasurer and Dawn Meier as S.H.S.I. Secretary each for a one year term, motion passed with unanimous approval.

Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting for the Election of Officers of the S.H.S.I. Board of Directors, with a second by Maryalice with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier
Secretary
02-03-2019