

Spirit Historical Society, Inc.

June 9, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 1:20 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Toni Meier, Mark Nyberg, Michael Meier, Pam Welch, Maryalice McHugh (via FaceTime), Karen Baumgartner, Jenny Matson, Cheryl Pierson, Luann Lind and Dawn Meier. Absent was JaNelle Nelson. Visitors in attendance included Beryl Nyberg, LaVonne Meier and Darrel Lind.

The minutes of the April 7, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mark made a motion, seconded by Pam to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

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

Volunteer Hours: Pam continues to document volunteer hours in the *Past Perfect* software program. Capturing the volunteer time that is donated annually to S.H.S.I. is important so that we are able to exhibit the collective investment of hours, especially when applying for grants.

Barn Dance:

We discussed the overall success of the 15th Annual Barn Dance. It was estimated that over 250 people attended this year, many a young crowd of teens to 20's. We had excellent extensive news coverage on our organization and our upcoming building relocation project in the local newspapers, Tomahawk Leader, Star News and Price County Review.

The Bake sale was somewhat of a success, certain items sold (bread and pies) out while others were left unsold (cookies and bars). It was decided that next year we will focus more on the bread and pies and bake less of the other items. We will also re-orient the table set up in order to better facilitate the flow of traffic. Luann froze the leftover bake sale items and it is planned to present them for sale at the July picnic.

This year the cake, cookies and ice cream in lieu of pie and ice cream went over well. Due to no previous experience we over bought the cakes but have a much better idea as to how many should be purchased next year. It was also decided that the cake pieces were too large and will be reduced in size next year. We stand to save significantly on the price of cake vs. pies in future events. We decided to donate the remaining cakes which were frozen by Luann to the Spirit 4H fair for the August event. Luann will contact them and offer the cakes.

This year we had a significant amount of gift certificates donated by local merchants. The auction committee opted to set these up as a semi raffle during the silent auction. \$1.00 tickets were sold and purchasers placed their ticket stubs in a container representing the certificate they wished to win. Luann felt this was a financial success over the possible amount of money we may have received in bids. It was decided that if we do this again next year the tickets would be sold by a separate station to the bake sale station, again, due to traffic congestion. It was brought up that we might need a raffle license in order to legally offer this in future barn dance events. Maryalice offered to look in to the legality of this process.

A certificate of appreciation and gift certificates for Eric Gladson in appreciation of his continued dedicated services was presented. He seemed to be surprised and appreciative of the gesture.

It was noted that without Toni's and Maryalice's presence at the silent auction checkout Cheryl Pierson and JaNelle Nelson did a fantastic job filling in working with Pam.

There was a discussion on the time sharing of the music between the Gary Edinger square dancers and the regular barn dancers. It was suggested for next year that we start the barn dance an hour earlier (6:00 p.m.) for the square dancers and have them dance uninterrupted until 7:30 at which time the regular dancers will take over for the rest of the dance.

There was a discussion on the possibility of dividing up the silent auction items into two categories, a regular silent auction and a category of items that will have prices on them for immediate purchase. The barn dance is a unique event so we don't want to change it too much.

SHSI Newsletter: Luann plans on releasing the next newsletter within a few weeks. Once she has a draft we will obtain prices from Office Max and O.K. Printing on the printing and assembling of the newsletter.

Yesterday House Relocation: The ramp needs to be removed prior to the building being moved. We are looking for help in dismantling the railing and removing the gravel, which is being planned to be re-used. Schuette Movers are hoping to move the building the last week in June or the first week in July. A few items remaining in the yesterday house will remain in the building during the move and will need to be secured, including the loom.

There are two memorial shrubs that were donated in honor of Elaine Vanderhoof and Marie Meier and we will attempt to dig up and relocate them along with their markers.

Building a new machine shed is being deferred at this time. At our April meeting, a motion was passed that if the estimate for the new building was within 15% over the cost of the previously built machine shed that we could proceed. However, the current estimate is higher, so we will not move forward until next year, so that we can continue raising additional funds.

A discussion was held on the built in bookshelves in the library and it was decided that the cost of the bookshelves will be included in the price being paid by Toni and Michael for the machine shed.

Grants: Karen and Maryalice are working on putting together a grant application to the Ann Marie Foundation.

Open House Picnic:

July 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. will be the Open House Picnic and going away appreciation party for Michael and Toni. Jenny Mattson will take care of preparing the drinks. Michael's son Andrew who will be attending will grill the brats and hot dogs. Mark will staff the registration table. Pam and Cheryl will set up incoming food items. Other Board members are encouraged to circulate throughout the property and provide relief to others where needed. Pam will advertise the event in the local newspapers and community calendars. Luann and Karen will help clean up and Toni will order the brats and pick up the paper goods.

The next SHSI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday September 8, 2019 beginning at 12:30 with a potluck lunch, immediately followed by the meeting. The location will be at the Spirit Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Mark seconded by Pam at 2:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier

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