

Spirit Historical Society, Inc.
June 27, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

**(This meeting was available on Zoom as well as
in person at the Spirit Town Hall)**

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 3:10 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Maryalice McHugh, Cheryl Pierson, Karen Baumgartner, Mark Nyberg, JaNelle Nelson, Luann Lind, and Dawn Meier. Johanna Holliday and Anne Marie Fries were absent. Guests: Pam Welch

The Agenda was reviewed and Maryalice made a motion to approve, seconded by Mark, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

The minutes of the March 28, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Dawn to accept the minutes, seconded by Maryalice, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report had been sent earlier via email to each of the Board Members for review. Former Treasurer, Pam Welch, had work with Dawn to simplify and clean up the Balance and Profit & Loss Reports, as requested at our last meeting. Pam explained what categories were removed or merged with another. All agreed that it was much easier to understand. Luann explained that because of the poor printing of the previous Newsletter, she called Office Max to complain. Office Max credited us the full cost of that printing, so we were able to print the May 2021 Newsletter for free. Luann also informed us that an informal audit was done by JaNelle Nelson on June 25, 2021, and that everything was in order. JaNelle moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Cheryl with unanimous approval.

Volunteer hours continue to be tracked and recorded by Dawn, so be sure to send her your hours spent cleaning before our meeting. Volunteer contributions are important to be documented as they are needed when submitting a grant funding request.

OLD BUSINESS

Today, prior to the meeting, a group got together to do a thorough cleaning of the Yesterday House (“YH”). Dawn sent out a wonderful email after our meeting of what was accomplished and what still needs to be done. I have made her email a part of these minutes. (See the last page) It was also noted that there was evidence that a bird in the upstairs of the YH and perched on both windowsills long enough to make an obvious trail of droppings. Also, there are several places both upstairs and down where one can see daylight shining through, but none of them appear to be enough for a bird. It remains a bit of a mystery how a bird or birds got in and apparently also got out (due to lack of carcass).

Luann offered to use brown caulking where needed if the Board wanted her to. It was suggested that we should hire someone to complete some of the repairs (such as the floorboards beneath the bed on the 2nd floor)

Another cleaning day is needed. Today’s crew will coordinate that, also any individual who has some free time is welcome to stop by the YH and do some work. As noted in Dawn’s email, electrical extension cords and a vacuum cleaner were left behind for future use. If you don’t have a key, contact Luann to see how to get one for entry.

Anne Marie was unable to attend the meeting, but she will email the Board members the measurements of the Spirit Post Office so space can be made for it, especially as the artifacts are returned to the YH.

Luann is going to contact Nancy and Bryan Bowen to see if we can pay them rent for the space we are still taking up in their Pole Barn, so that we don’t have to find another space in the interim. It was also suggested that we put an article in the Newsletter to see if anyone in the Spirit area would be able to store our books, (in an environmentally safe space) until we put up our new Machine Shed.

The Country Chicks Homemakers group has volunteered to make flower beds and Luann will coordinate that with them.

Nathan and Luann are working on the ramp and hope to have it completed in 3 weeks.

The Barn Dance sign and the Donations sign have been ordered.

Luann received a beautiful slab of wood from Toni & Michael Meier which she is going to have laser etched with Spirit Historical Society and donate it to SHSI as a gift. It will be placed in front of the YH.

It was agreed that we need to start planning for our new Machine Shed building. Our old building was 40x40 and it was questioned if we should need that large a space. It was also questioned if we need a heated floor or just heavy insulation for that portion of the room we plan to use to store photos and artifacts. Luann spoke to how well the later worked in her garage/workshop, and we all agreed that it would save us money. Maryalice suggested that we gather information on the costs and continue this discussion in September. Dawn suggested we put an article in the next Newsletter to promote this discussion and invite the community to attend our September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The weekend we normally hold our SHSI Picnic and Open House falls on the same day as the Spirit 4-H Fair, July 31. Luann contacted the Fair Board and asked if we could do something with them. They were more than happy to have us join them. As we normally give them a cash gift for the fair, this year we will help them with the food for their luncheon. We will also have an Open House at the YH (which also gives us a deadline to have the YH cleaned, and artifacts moved in). As the Fair posters have already been made, we will create some fliers to distribute. We will also put our Donation Keg inside the YH.

Maryalice reminded us of the positive public engagement created by the submission of photos onto our Facebook page. As Maryalice sees unidentified photos identified, she will make a note of that and pass it on to Luann and Dawn.

The next S.H.S.I. Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. CDT, at the Spirit Town Hall and will also be available virtually using the 'Zoom' platform.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 with motion by Mark, seconded by Dawn with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryalice McHugh
Secretary
June 27, 2021

Addendum #1: Email from Dawn Meier regarding YH cleaning.

Addendum #2: Email from John Berg regarding Price County Historical Society project

ADDENDUM #1



Yesterday House status update

From: Dawn Meier (dawnmeier@aol.com)

To: johannaholiday8@gmail.com; maryalice3150@yahoo.com

Cc: amf291@gmail.com; spiritstamper@hotmail.com; timjannelson84@gmail.com; krbaumga@gmail.com; farminginspirit@gmail.com; nybergtreefarm@gmail.com; dawnmeier@aol.com

Date: Sunday, June 27, 2021, 8:03 PM MDT

Much progress was made today before and after the meeting on cleaning the house. Here is the latest: The inside windows have been cleaned. The curtains have been washed and re-hung. The floors and walls have been vacuumed. The interpretive sign and 'valkommen' sign have been re-hung on the outside. Next up, the floors should be mopped before any of the items are able to be brought back for display. The stovepipe needs to be re-inserted into the cook stove.

Inside each door is a gunny sack that could be used as a doormat to help keep from tracking dirt or mud in. Karen left her vacuum cleaner in case it is still needed. There are two heavy duty electric cords just inside each of the doors. The Town Hall has an outside receptacle on the left side of the steps on the main entrance (south side). Connecting both extension cords, easily reaches to the Yesterday House.

Since we want things to be ready in time for the Spirit 4H Fair the last weekend in July, it will be good to coordinate efforts for anyone that is able to assist with getting the house presentable. Whomever is able to do the next phase of cleaning and determines that the place is ready for artifacts, let us all know and I will start bringing items from our shed. At that point, Karen will begin fine tuning the displays and adding her special touches.

If additional shelving units are available (left in the blue shed?) as well as a sturdy platform or table that the Spirit post office could set on, they will be useful for additional display space. Luann will be working on building a ramp for the front of the building, and bridge from the main parking lot. Things are looking up and it will be good to have the building open and available for tours again. Thanks to everyone for offering your time, labor and ideas. Together, we can do this!

Dawn

ADDENDUM #2

Re: John Berg's Project

From: John Berg (jlmj@wctc.net)

To: dawnmeier@aol.com

Cc: maryalice3150@yahoo.com; timjannelson84@gmail.com; amf291@gmail.com; spiritstamper@hotmail.com; nybergtreefarm@gmail.com; johannaholiday8@gmail.com; farminginspirit@gmail.com; krbaumga@gmail.com; jlmj@wctc.net

Date: Monday, June 28, 2021, 7:18 PM MDT

Hello Dawn and Maryalice!

AHHHHHHHHH! I beg a 1,000 pardons for not replying!!!! I got caught up in our PCHS Archives project and forgot to get back to you! YES! I received your photos and I have not worked on the banner for most of June as we have this Archives project going on. My goal is to complete the design by the end of July and present it to everyone by the end of the month. I also have the photo Luann Lind secured for me from you, Mark - it is safely stored next to my laptop.. Again I sincerely apologize for not replying sooner, but I will keep you posted on the design phase as it progresses.

Thank you for your submissions and your patience!

Berg

On Jun 28, 2021, at 6:01 PM, Dawn Meier <dawnmeier@aol.com> wrote:

Yes, I did send John nine photos to choose from. But I never did receive any word back from him, so I am hopeful that I sent to the correct address. He is copied on this response.

Dawn

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

On Monday, June 28, 2021, 10:38 AM, Maryalice McHugh <maryalice3150@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good day,

As I was going over the minutes of yesterday's meeting, I noticed that we didn't discuss the project that John Berg presented to us in January.

Did we participate in this as we discussed? I just thought it should be noted in the minutes (or at least noted)

Thanks -

Maryalice