

Spirit Historical Society, Inc.
September 19, 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 Vice President Karen Baumgartner at 3:10 P.M.

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

The minutes of the June 27, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Dawn to accept the minutes, seconded by Anne Marie, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report had been sent earlier via email to each of the Board Members for review. Dawn has done a wonderful job of simplifying the Report. Maryalice moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Johanna 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.

Dawn will update the accounts at the bank with her name as Treasurer and also update the business address by the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

Thank you to Anne Marie for donating and bringing over the Post Office. Anne Marie and Maryalice are the great granddaughters of CB Nelson, the Postmaster. Anne Marie has had the Post Office for many years and wanted to donate it (with the family's blessing) to SHSI so that the history can be maintained. Hopefully, Anne Marie and Maryalice will find additional information on the Post Office for SHSI.

Yesterday House (YH) artifacts: A shelving unit was found while moving artifacts from storage. It will be a great addition to the YH for displaying items. Karen and Dawn will work on that project. Storyboards need to be made for display on different Spirit topics. Karen will work and that, and all are welcome to submit material. Linda Marshall was a great help in getting the YH ready for the Grand Opening at the Fair. We need to get her volunteer hours. Also, Dawn will get a Thank You note out to her. We also need to ask LaVonne for her volunteer hours and as she was at the meeting, we gave her a warm thank you.

Repairs need to be made to the upstairs floor and ceiling. LaVonne to help with supplies and material. It was suggested that Duke Hartman from Prentice would be a good contact to do finish work. JaNelle will reach out to Duke and hopefully set up a time for him to meet LaVonne at the YH to assess the needs and costs.

We are still looking for book storage.

We need to continue to move our stuff from the Bowen's property. Most of the items that can easily be moved have been moved to Dawn & Pam's shed. The larger and heavier items remain, and strong men are needed for that task. Names that were suggested were Tim Nelson, Ethan Bowan, Duane Harper and James Holliday. JaNelle will check to see if they can help and when would be a good time. Hopefully we can then make that day a clean up day.

The Country Chicks will work on the flower beds in the spring.

Discussion was had about where to put the new SHSI sign and the Donor's sign. It was suggested that the SHSI sign be placed at an angle, left of the center of the building.

The gravel walkway needs some improvements as we all agreed that it is a liability as it currently is. The walkway either needs side rails, or a wood walkway. Also, with the amount of rain lately, there was a washout near the culvert. We all agreed this needs to be taken care of before we open to the public in 2022 and we will discuss further at our January meeting.

We all agreed that the SHSI "picnic" in conjunction with the Fair was a great success and that we should continue to do so. It was suggested that we put up a sign asking that no food or drink be allowed in the YH. We also thought it would be good publicity to open the YH when there are other events at the Town Hall. No decision was made.

So glad the new Barn Dance sign is ready for use.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen and Maryalice will continue to work on the article for the Price County Visitors Guide brochure. Luann will provide a good picture of the YH in its new location.

Maintenance of the YH: The south doors are shrinking and have cracks in them. Also, some logs both upstairs and downstairs need caulking. This needs to be addressed before winter. While the doors need to be corrected properly, they at least need to be wrapped in a protective plastic covering (min of 4 mil) to prevent snow from getting in. Anne Marie will create "To Do List" of tasks and get it out to the Board.

A discussion was had about the Machine Shed and if we need one as big as we had before, or if we just need a building to put our pictures, books, etc. in. To discuss this with relevance, we

need more specific information as to size and cost and also what direction we want to go in going forward. This discussion was tabled to our January meeting.

Nominating Committee (Dawn and Karen) needs to have candidates to Maryalice no later than November 1. Maryalice & Mark terms will be expiring. Maryalice has said she will continue one more term. We need to reach out to Mark for his decision. We also have an opening as Jenny has resigned. The Nominating Committee will solicit interested parties for consideration.

The next S.H.S.I. Board of Directors meeting will be the Annual Meeting and is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. CST, at the Spirit Town Hall and will also be available virtually using the 'Zoom' platform. If Maryalice no longer has access to free Zoom, it may be held by Google Meeting. All will know in plenty of time of our remote source.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 with a motion by Dawn, seconded by Maryalice with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryalice McHugh
Secretary
September 23, 2021