

**Spirit Historical Society, Inc.**  
**January 23, 2022 Annual Membership and**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

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

Prior to the start of the Annual Membership Meeting, Dawn gave a tutorial on using Zoom so we were not all speaking over each other and Karen updated us on the following items:

Informational:

Bank account names have been updated. New debit card has been acquired  
A storyboard has been given to Martha Scott who requested one  
Joyce Bant has volunteered to donate a hard copy of her book “Culture and Continuity of  
Knox Mills, Wisconsin”

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Vice President Karen Baumgartner at 1:20 P.M.

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

The minutes of the September 19, 2021 General Meeting were reviewed. Maryalice noted that under New Business the correct title of the visitor brochure is: Price County Official Visitor Guide. Motion was made by Dawn to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mark, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report had been sent earlier via email to each of the Board Members for review. Luann questioned the cost of the checks ordered and suggest we don't order from the bank as there are much cheaper options. Maryalice noted that in her experience as a Bank Teller is that option increases the risk of fraud as routing numbers and account numbers are routinely stolen. (In an email to the Board after the meeting Pam Welch noted that the bank had double charged us and that was in the process of being corrected). Maryalice moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Cheryl with unanimous approval.

Membership & Newsletter reports: Dawn made a wonderful presentation on our membership and the past Barn Dance receipts. I have attached a copy of that report as an Addendum #1. Luann will continue to do the Newsletter and is looking for new stories and pictures. It was suggested that she go back to much older Liberty School News and do an edition of The Best Of. She appreciates the help in preparing the Newsletter for mailing but could also use some help periodically with content.

**ELECTION RESULTS:**

44 ballots were mailed out and 17 were returned. Mark Nyberg and Dean Gilge were elected to a 5 year term. Maryalice McHugh was affirmed to take the space vacated by Jenny Mattson, who resigned.

A second ballot was included to update the Bylaws increasing the number of Board members from 10 to 12 received approval. This allows us to add more board members at any time as a result of the ballot measure passing. Therefore we certainly want to encourage everyone to be mindful of bringing in new Board members and always be thinking about who these 2 new people could be because we do not need to wait for the Annual Meeting to add 2 new Members.

Maryalice made a motion to accept the results and it was seconded by JaNelle with unanimous approval.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 P.M.

### **Board of Directors Meeting of Spirit Historical Society**

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Karen Baumgartner at 1:43 P.M.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Luann let the Board know that she could not continue at this time as President but that she would remain on the Board. The Board thanked her for her long service not only as President but also as a Board Member. A discussion was had that we could possibly have Co-Presidents but it was pointed out that the ByLaws do not allow that, but the Board's wish is that the President and Vice President work together as Co-Presidents. It was also determined that the Treasurer does not need to be a Board Member. Pam offered to take up that role for one year if she could have an assistant help with getting the mail. The following were nominated and elected:

President:	Dawn Meier
Vice President:	JaNelle Nelson
Secretary:	Maryalice McHugh
Treasurer:	Pam Welch (with Cheryl Pierson as assistant)

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Price County Official Visitor Guide: LaVonne Meier has agreed to be the contact person should someone call to get into the Yesterday House (YH) with Dawn being listed as a second contact.

JaNelle will follow up with her contact about repairing the floor and ceiling on the second floor. If he is unable to help she will ask for suggestions of others who may be able to help.

Newsletter – this was covered at the Annual Meeting

Facebook & SHSI Website: Facebook continues to get positive responses and Luann keeps the Website updated.

There are still books stored in the red shed at the Liberty School site but all of the large items have been removed from our former Machine Shed. Bryan Bowen expressed concern about the weight of the books, but it was noted that they have been up there for more than 15 years without issue. We are still looking for a heated and dry environment for our book storage.

The topic of building a new Machine Shed at our new location was on the Agenda, it was not discussed and will be on the Agenda for our March meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board affirmed the decision that Maryalice would complete the one year left on Jenny Mattson's vacated position and also to accept the vote for the ByLaw change.

Nominating Committee for next year's election will be Johanna & Anne Marie. Cheryl and Maryalice will be up for election.

Board Members have been asked to confirm your address, phone number and email address to Luann (I have attached a draft list of Board Members for you review as Addendum #2. Please confirm your information.) Dean will need to email a photo to Luann.

It was decided that SHSI will sponsor the Barn Dance in May but it was suggested that we figure out a way to simplify things. This will be discussed in more detail in March.

We will again have the Yesterday House open during the Spirit-Hill-Ogema 4H Fair and we will work with them as we did last year. This item will also be discussed in March in more detail.

The next S.H.S.I. Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. CDT, 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 2:37 P.M. with a motion by Dawn, seconded by Maryalice with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maryalice McHugh  
Secretary  
January 23, 2022