

Spirit Historical Society, Inc.
June 15, 2022 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 Dawn Meier at 5:43 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Maryalice McHugh, Cheryl Pierson, Karen Baumgartner, JaNelle Nelson, Luann Lind, Dawn Meier, Anne Marie Fries and Mark Nyberg.

Absent: Johanna Holliday and Dean Gilge.

Guests: Pam Welch

The minutes of the March 20, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Maryalice noted that there was an addendum to the Minutes. The Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members, which she emailed to everyone Wednesday prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Mark to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Karen, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was presented and a Motion was made by Karen to accept the report and seconded by Anne Marie with unanimous approval.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Repairs to Yesterday House: JaNelle spoke to Don Rhody and he has agreed to do the work and hopes to get it completed prior to the 4H Fair. Karen also reminded us that there is still caulking work to be completed. JaNelle will check with Don to see if he can do that too. If not, we will schedule a workday to complete that task.

Newsletter: Luann is planning on getting the Newsletter out the 2nd or 3rd week in July. She is always hoping to receive new pictures and articles. Luann will include an article to update our mailing list and updated e-mail list. Pam, Cheryl, Dawn and JaNelle will process the Newsletter for mailing again, meeting at the Town Hall to do the work.

Landscaping: The Country Chicks planted a perennial flower bed and Luann placed her beautiful Spirit Historical Society sign in the middle of the bed. Pam needs to send Jennifer Sarkinen a thank you to the Country Chicks. Mark reported he planted irises on the east end of the building. Luann is going to plant a shrub that will fulfill our designated \$50.00 fund that was specified for plants for the yesterday house several years ago by Kathy Meier. Luann is also preparing an area to plant peonies.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Barn Dance: The report on the barn dance was overall positive. There were 200 people who signed the Guest Book. The board members thought it was a much more relaxed event without the silent auction. Because of the lack of the silent auction, we netted about \$1,000 less than in previous years but because this year we considered the dance more of a community event than a fundraiser (even though it has always been our main and sometimes only fundraiser) it was decided that was okay that we didn't make a lot of money. Also, because this year there is going to be a rummage sale fundraiser it takes some of the importance off the barn dance being profitable. Luann reported that many people mentioned to her how much they missed the silent auction. Ideas were discussed about the future of the silent auction, accepting new and home crafted items only being one suggestion. Having far fewer items of better quality was an idea most people were in favor of. JaNelle suggested the idea for a live auction for a short period of time during the dance in lieu of the silent auction.

There was discussion that perhaps next year cake would not need to be served. The idea of ice cream and cookies with possibly a station for sundae toppings was brought up. Pam reported her disappointment that people were not more generous with their free will donations due to the lack of a silent auction but, apparently she was the only one who expected more generous door donations!

Improve gravel walkway for Yesterday House access: After much discussion on ideas and ways to shore up the non-wood portion of the ramp it was decided that JaNelle will ask Don Rhody to come out and look it over to see if he has any ideas. Pam volunteered to meet with the two of them and be a part of that project and floated the idea that maybe we could hire Don to be our paid handyman if he is interested. Mark suggested using the \$5000.00 designated funds we received several years ago from Price Electric to fund the improvements and the idea was met with general consensus.

Signs; key access; mesh hardware around foundation: Luann was to report on the progress of that project but she had to leave before we got that far on the agenda. This would have included inserting a lock box to keep a key to the YH in a hidden place.

NEW BUSINESS

Rummage and bake sale fundraiser to be held August 4 – 6, 2022

Pam will head up the committee with help from Cheryl and JaNelle.

JaNelle will head up the bake sale portion. Karen, Anne Marie, Dawn and Pam, Cheryl and JaNelle will each bake something for the sale.

We will have access to the town hall from July 30 through August 8th. We will use this time for setting up the tables and displaying the items and receiving donations. We plan on setting up our canopy tent outside in front of the stairs to the town hall and decorate with balloons etc. in order to attract traffic attention. Mark and Dawn will see that the canopy is set up on Wednesday August 3rd. JaNelle will place ads in two papers. Pam will formulate a flyer to be posted in Tomahawk and given to WJQ, maybe Luann will lend her flyer making expertise. Cheryl will post the flyer in Prentice. We hope as many board members as possible will be on hand during the three days of the sale to assist. More details to follow.

Vacancies on the Board: Nancy Rhody Bowen and Jennifer Rhody Sarkinen's names were mentioned as possible Board Members.

2022 4H Fair/Open House – August 13, 2022:

- Dawn and JaNelle attended the fair meeting and agreed to SHSI's participation once again this year.
- We will make brats and hot dogs again, Mark will get these and JaNelle and Tim will cook them. It was also suggested that we bake some brownie or cookie bars.
- JaNelle and Cheryl will make fruit salad again. JaNelle is looking into having cheese curds which would be cooked nearer to the YH and these would be sold and the funds kept by us.

The next S.H.S.I. Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. CDT, at the Spirit Town Hall and will also be available virtually using the 'Zoom' platform.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. and seconded by Anne Marie with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted, Maryalice McHugh Secretary June 15, 2022