

Spirit Historical Society, Inc.
September 10, 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 3:01 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Maryalice McHugh, Karen Baumgartner, JaNelle Nelson, Dawn Meier, Dean Gilge, Johanna Holliday and Mark Nyberg.

Absent: Anne Marie Fries, Luann Lind and Cheryl Pierson

Guests: Pam Welch

The minutes of the June 15, 2022, meeting was reviewed. 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. Pam noted that an audit was performed by JaNelle Nelson of the 2021 books. A Motion was made by Maryalice to accept the report and seconded by Mark with unanimous approval.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Repairs to Yesterday House: Don Rhody was able to repair the floor and ceiling at the Yesterday House. There were some issues with rotting wood, and where that was an issue, Don was able to correct the issues as best as possible. Thank you to JaNelle for coordinating this task.

Newsletter: The Newsletter continues to generate donations after it is received by friends of SHSI. It is hoped that we may be able to get one more Newsletter out before the end of the year as we are able.

Landscaping: we again thanked the Country Chicks for the wonderful work at the Yesterday House and to Mark for planting irises on the west and east end of the building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Rummage Sale & Bake Sale: This was a great success and a big thank you was given to all who help set up, cashiers and clean up. We made a net profit of \$2,248.25. There was also a great deal of interest in the Yesterday House and SHSI and Karen said that there were about 40 guests who signed in.

Improve gravel walkway for Yesterday House access: The temporary fix to the walkway worked well during the Rummage Sale and Open House at the 4H Fair. JaNelle & Dawn ran into Nathan Lind at the Fair and talked to him about a more permanent solution from the east door to the parking lot (or at least the culvert). He seemed to think that was something he could do and will send an estimate of the cost.

Signs; key access; mesh hardware around foundation: Dawn will check with Luann to see what the status of this project is. Karen also informed the Board that she had some wire she would give SHSI if it was needed.

4H Fair/Open House: With respect to the food, we had too many hot dogs and just the perfect number of brats (2 left of the 150 purchased). The fried cheese curds were also a good idea. All agreed that our collaboration with the Fair is a great arrangement. A question was raised about whether fundraising could take place at the Fair. There also seemed to be some confusion on who was providing what food items. JaNelle will attend the Fair Board Meeting on 9/15/22 to see how best we can help next year.

Machine Shed: A conversation was had about whether we wanted or needed to build the Machine Shed. All felt that it was more important to maintain the Yesterday House and obtain or build space which is climate controlled for our photos, books, documents and documentation. It was also suggested that we talk with the Town of Spirit Board to see if we might go in with them financially and other organizations that use the Town Hall (American Legion, 4H Fair, SHSI and others) and build such an outbuilding for all of us to use. It was decided that we will bring up a Motion for a vote at our Annual Meeting in January to decide the future of building the Machine Shed.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Board Seats: Johanna and Anne Marie are the Nominating Committee. Maryalice & Cheryl are up for re-election. Maryalice has indicated her willingness to continue. Additional names brought up as possible candidates: Martha Scott, Andy Meier, Kasey Meier. Dean and Johanna will talk to Martha & Andy and Maryalice & Karen will ask Kasey. In addition to Maryalice & Cheryl, remember that there are 2 additional vacancies on the Board. Once we have names up for consideration, we need to get them to Pam Welch, and she will mail out the ballots.

Address Confusion: If you Google us to find out where to find us you very well may be directed to the Liberty School location. It was noted that this happened with folks looking for us over the Fair weekend. It was suggested that we ask the Bowan's if we could put a sign near the intersection of YY & German Settlement and at the Maple Syrup Sugar Shack with our correct location. We will try to correct the faulty information out there.

Dawn noted that there was some granite gravel in the parking lot that needs to be moved, that was left over from the moving of the Yesterday House. She spoke to Darrell Lind to see if the Town had any use for it, which he affirmed. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Maryalice to donate this gravel to the Town of Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maryalice noted again how Facebook has really grown and created conversations and questions about not only Spirit history but also family histories. It was also suggested that we ask for Board Member candidates on our Facebook page

Karen reminded us that we will need to do some closing work on the Yesterday House before winter sets in and it was suggested we do this by November. Details will follow.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on January 21, 2023, at 2:00 CST. It was agreed that this will be a Zoom only meeting as one never knows what the weather will be like. This will be available to anyone who wants to attend by requesting a Zoom link.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. with a Motion by Karen and seconded by Dean with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted, Maryalice McHugh, Secretary September 10, 2022