

Spirit Historical Society, Inc.
January 21, 2023 Annual Board Meeting
(This meeting was conducted on Google Meet)

The meeting was called to order by President Dawn Meier at 2:00 P.M.

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

Guests: Pam Welch, LaVonne Meier, Jayne Gilge.

The Agenda was submitted and a motion was made by Mark to accept the agenda and seconded by JaNelle, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

The minutes of the September 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dean to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mark, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was presented.

- a. Pam noted that a donation was received for the Hillcrest Cemetery. It was suggested that we forward a check to them for the amount received with a letter of explanation.
- b. The negative dollar under Supplies: Checks was as a result of a duplicate charge by the bank. The refund will be reflected in the Treasurer's Report at our March meeting.
- c. Don Rhody's bill for repairs to the Yesterday House was \$980.63. Pam suggested that this be paid from the Grant money received from Price Electric. The Board agreed that this was a good idea and the revised entry would be made on the Report presented at our March meeting.
- d. 46 Ballots (voting for the new round of Board members) had been mailed out in December to all current SHSI members.

Pam also expressed her thanks to Cheryl for her periodic trips to the Post Office to pick up the mail and also for making deposits at the bank in Tomahawk. A Motion was made by Maryalice to accept the report and seconded by Mark with unanimous approval.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Newsletter: Luann hopes to get a Newsletter out in April and is always looking for new articles and stories. Luann also noticed that the cover letter to the ballots contained a misleading statement that the Board members do not live in Spirit. Pam apologized for the misleading statement and Luann will put in an article in the next Newsletter to explain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Improve gravel walkway for Yesterday House access: 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. Luann indicated that Nathan was looking for more specific information before he could work up an estimate. Dean offered to take the lead on this task and will contact Nathan and meet him at the site to discuss different options so that we can obtain an estimate.

Signs; key access; mesh hardware around foundation: Luann is ready to complete this task this Spring. Karen reminded Luann that she had some wire from the mink farm and Luann was happy to accept it.

Machine Shed: The conversation continued about whether we needed to build the Machine Shed. Some felt that it was more important to maintain the Yesterday House and obtain or build space that is climate controlled for our photos, books, documents and archival records. JaNelle talked with the Town of Spirit Board to see if we might go in with them financially and build such an outbuilding for all of us to use, but they were not interested at this time. Our former building was 40x40 and it was felt that we would need a space of 10x10 for our documents and books. Concerns were also raised about the upkeep costs and who would manage the Machine Shed. Luann offered to be the Manager. Questions were also raised about the source of heat. Karen will ask the Price County Historical Society about the cost of their new building. It was decided that we could not make a sensible decision without knowledge of the costs in today's current

market. It was also suggested that we may be better off renting space and bringing out certain farming pieces during the summer, than constructing a new building to house the entire collection of farming and logging equipment.

National Registry Status: Dawn had a conversation with 2 colleagues about whether we should inform the National Registry or the State of Wisconsin about moving the Yesterday House. It was suggested that we just leave it alone. It was also suggested that we get permission to put a sign up at the Liberty School (corner of YY and German Settlement) indicating our new location, however, Dawn had a conversation with Nancy and Bryan Bowen and they aren't bothered when visitors stop by to ask about the Yesterday House and actually enjoy it.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Events:

- a. May 24, 2023, 9:00-2:00, Clean Up Day at the Yesterday House. Jayne Gilge said that the Country Chicks Homemakers group would be glad to help again this year. Pam offered to bring pizza for lunch.
- b. May 28, 2023 Annual Barn Dance
- c. May 29, 2023 Open up the Yesterday House after the Memorial Day ceremony at the Cemetery
- d. August 12, 2023 Spirit 4-H Fair (date to be confirmed)

Counting of Ballots: Three (3) names were on the ballot: Cheryl Pierson, Maryalice McHugh and Pam Welch. 15 Ballots were returned, all were elected to a 5 year term. Dawn reminded us that there is still an open seat on the Board that can be filled at any time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Meeting will be held on March 18, 2023, at 2:00 CDT. Weather permitting this meeting will take place at the Spirit Town Hall and also available on Google Meet. This will be available to anyone who wants to attend by requesting a Google Meet link.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with a Motion by Maryalice and seconded by Mark with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted, Maryalice McHugh Secretary January 21, 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF SPIRIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY January 21, 2023

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Dawn Meier at 3:31 p.m.

Maryalice moved that the current slate of Officers continue for one more year with the intent to try and outline the duties of each office so that next year a smooth transition could be made. After some discussion, Maryalice made the Motion to extend the current slate of Officers for one year. Mark seconded the motion with unanimous approval. The Officers for 2023 are:

President:	Dawn Meier
Vice President:	JaNelle Nelson
Secretary:	Maryalice McHugh
Treasurer:	Pam Welch (with Cheryl Pierson's assistance)

Nominating Committee for next year's election will be Dean and Mark. Luann and JaNelle's 5 year terms are expiring at the end of 2023.

Maryalice made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Maryalice McHugh Secretary January 21, 2023