

Spirit Historical Society, Inc.
September 10, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by President Dawn Meier at 2:02 p.m. CDT

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

Absent: Johanna Holliday

Guest: LaVonne Meier

A Motion was made by Mark to accept the proposed Agenda and seconded by Maryalice. It was accepted by unanimous approval.

The minutes of the June 25, 2023, meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made by Karen to accept the minutes, seconded by Luann, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report had been sent earlier via email. Pam discussed the report and answered any questions. It was noted that donations for the Machine Shed totaled \$11,680.00. A Motion was made by Maryalice to accept the Report, seconded by JaNelle, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A/B. YESTERDAY HOUSE RAMP/WALKWAY AND MACHINE SHED

Landscaping is needed between the Northeast corner of the Yesterday House and the Machine Shed for water run off. Crushed rock will be placed around the Machine Shed at a width of 3'. Luann has the material needed to have a connecting path between our 2 buildings. Luann will also take care of insulating the Machine Shed and adding interior walls. Keys to the newly installed lock box (which contains the key to the Yesterday House and Machine Shed) were handed out to those who wanted one. Each key was assigned an identifying number and it was recorded as to who received a key.

C. NEWSLETTER

It was suggested that over the next several issues we include "Meet the Board" article. Each of us will send to Luann a brief description of who we are and why we choose to be on the Board and our connection to Spirit.

D. LANDSCAPING

It was determined that this was completed and was a job well done.

E. INSTALLATION OF MESHING ON YESTERDAY HOUSE

It was determined that this was completed. Thank you, Luann.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

A. 4-H FAIR

The Fair was a success, and we maintain a good relationship with the Fair Board. It was suggested that we add burgers to our menu next year and that more volunteer help was needed so that no one is tied to the booth (cooking tent) for the whole day and can also enjoy the Fair. We will take this up again when planning for next year's Fair. The Open House was well received. It was suggested that we put an article in the Leader about our tours during Town events and how to arrange for private tours.

B. NEWSLETTER Previously discussed.

C. RECOGNITION OF MACHINE SHED FINANCIAL DONORS

This was deferred to our next meeting.

D. FINISHING MACHINE SHED INTERIOR Discussed earlier.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mark and Dean are this year's committee with Luann and Janelle's term ending. Both Luann and Janelle have said they would rerun for another term.

B. EMPTY BOARD SEAT

Mark and Dean will try to find a new Board member to fill the one open seat on the Board that can be filled at any time.

C. ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS IN JANUARY

Dawn indicated that she will not run for another term as President. Pam has indicated that she will be Treasurer again and Maryalice is willing to be Secretary again. Luann has indicated that she would consider being President in 2024.

D. GRAND OPENING OF MACHINE SHED

All agreed that there should be an official Grand Opening of the Machine Shed with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Perhaps a Chili Bake and of course tours of both buildings.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closing of the Yesterday House will be on Monday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m. Pam will provide lunch. It was thought that a rechargeable handheld vacuum would be a wonderful addition to our cleaning supplies. Pam said she would take care of this.

After the meeting we all adjourned to the Machine Shed for a tour.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 2:00 pm CST at the Spirit Town Hall and also available on Google Meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm CDT on a Motion from Pam and seconded by Mark.

Respectfully submitted.

Maryalice McHugh, Secretary