

**SPIRIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
JANUARY 20, 2024, ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

(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 2:03 P.M.

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

Absent: Anne Marie Fries, Dean Gilge

A Quorum of Board Members was in attendance. The agenda was submitted and approved.

The minutes of September 10, 2023, meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by JaNelle to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Karen, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Pam. She went over the report presented and after some discussion a Motion was made by Mark to accept the report and seconded by Luann with unanimous approval.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. MACHINE SHED:** The Board thanked Luann for her dedication to the construction of the Machine Shed. Luann reported that the weather caused a delay in getting the border of rocks around the Machine Shed to help with the drainage. She will see that this is completed as soon as feasible. If we should ever run electricity to the Machine Shed, Luann will wire the Machine Shed now before the walls are finished. We will be putting up plywood so it is strong enough to attach and hold up artifacts. On one wall we are putting up rough sawn lumber to make it look more original to the old days. She will advise the Board of the cost of the wiring before beginning the installation. When the time comes to install the plywood and other jobs at the Machine Shed, Mark has offered to help and Dean has offered to help in the past.
- b. NEWSLETTER:** Our newsletter continues to generate a great response.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

- a. STRATEGY FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:** Luann is doing research on Holly's Resort on Stone Lake for future Newsletter(s). Luann will check out the land records at the Courthouse and Karen will research any newspaper articles that may have been in local newspapers. We will also post on Facebook for memories and family stories from Holly's Resort.

The Board members have been asked to forward to Luann brief bios about themselves and more specifically how they are connected to the Spirit community. These will be in the next several newsletters.

- b. MACHINE SHED PLAQUE:** We are still accepting donations for the Machine Shed but hopefully will be able to have the Plaque ready for our Grand Opening.

- c. **MACHINE SHED GRAND OPENING:** We are planning our Grand Opening at the 4-H Fair on August 17, 2024.

H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **ACUITY AUTOPAY:** Pam asked the Board for their approval to set up Acuity (our insurance) for autopay. After a short discussion the Board accepted this setup by unanimous approval
- b. **MACHINE SHED DONATIONS:** Discussed during Treasurer’s report.
- c. **MANUAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM:** Pam discussed changing our accounting system from a computerized system to a manual system. This change would make it easier for anyone to take up the position of Treasurer in the future. A discussion was had and all agreed this was a good idea.
- d. **ARCHIVAL RECORDS AND OTHER ITEMS AT THE LIND FARM:** Luann has started going through the items stored in the farmhouse. She has been able to go through many of the papers in storage and sorted, scanned and destroyed items not associated with SHSI. She would also like to get rid of the books that were in the “school room” set up in Liberty School. Many of these have to be deaccessioned and that requires some research to do it properly. Karen will check with one of her contacts to see what our options are. It is hoped that we will be able to offer them to other historical societies, schools or friends of SHSI in the near future. Luann will need the farmhouse this summer for family. The Board assured her that we would find an alternative for storing these items until we could dispose of them.
- e. **2024 EVENTS:**
 - a. May 26, 2024 Annual Barn Dance
 - b. May 27, 2024 Open up the Yesterday House after the ceremony.
 - c. August 17, 2024 Spirit 4-H Fair

A discussion was held on participating in Brat sales that happen at different locations in the area. Mark and JaNelle will do some research to see what is entailed and if it is profitable to us.

- f. **COUNTING OF BALLOTS:** Two (2) names were on the ballot: Luann Lind and JaNelle Nelson. 14 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 **Saturday, April 6, 2024, 10:00 am 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 3:34 p.m. with a Motion by Mark and seconded by Pam with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryalice McHugh
Secretary
January 20, 2024

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
SPIRIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JANUARY 20, 2024**

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Dawn Meier at 3:34 p.m.

Nominations were opened for the different positions. Luann was nominated for President, JaNelle for Vice President, Pam for Treasure and Maryalice for Secretary. There being no other nominations, each position was filled be unanimous approval.

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

It was suggested that for continuity, the Officers serve a term of 2 years and that President and Secretary are elected for a term on even years and Vice President/Treasurer elected on odd years. Maryalice and Karen will review the ByLaws and present whatever changes are required at our next meeting.

Nominating Committee for next year's election will be Maryalice and Cheryl. Dawn and Karen terms are expiring at the end of 2024.

Maryalice made a Motion to adjourn seconded by Mark with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryalice McHugh
Secretary
January 20, 2024