

**SPIRIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024, 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 at 10:03 a.m. CDT.

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

Absent: Cheryl Pierson

A Quorum of Board Members were in attendance. The Agenda was submitted. A motion to accept was made by JaNelle and seconded by Karen and was accepted by unanimous approval.

The Minutes of the June 29, 2024 meeting were approved as corrected. A motion to accept was made by Mark and seconded by Dean and was accepted by unanimous approval.

**E. Treasurer's Report (sent prior to meeting via email):** Pam went over the report and answered any questions. She also asked that any receipts not yet turned into her for Fair expenses be turned in now so she can request reimbursement from the Fair Board. A motion to accept was made by JaNelle and seconded by Dawn and was accepted by unanimous approval.

**F. Reports from Standing Committees**

**a. Machine Shed:** Luann will continue to work on the Machine Shed this fall as weather permits. One of her grandsons is moving to Spirit and would like to earn some money by working on the Machine Shed with Luann. A discussion was had about a reasonable hourly wage. After much discussion, Dean made a motion to pay him \$20 an hour and that a written record of his time be kept. Pam seconded the motion and was accepted by unanimous approval.

**b. Hats:** A discussion was had about hats with our SHSI Logo. A motion was made by Pam that SHSI should purchase hats for the Board Members and seconded by Dawn, and it was accepted by unanimous approval.

**G. Unfinished Business and General Orders**

**a. Reports on Spirit Fair day:** Thank you to all who contributed time and food. Karen reported that 59 people signed the guest registration. There are 2 ring binders in the Yesterday House. The History of the Yesterday House and FAQ's. Luann will scan these over the winter and get a copy to all of the Board Members. Several descendants of Amandus Johnson visited during the Fair. JaNelle reported that the cheese curds sold out and the cold brew coffee was a big hit. Caramel apples were not a great hit. Courtney Pierson was a big help and SHSI will send her a note of thanks. She also reported that that we could get by with less brownies next year.

**b. Window Covers for the Yesterday House and Glazing the Windows:** It was reported that Pam & Dawn were working with LaVonne to cut plastic covers for all the windows and are hopeful to get that done this fall (weather permitting). Dean is slowly reglazing all the windows.

- c. Books to Give Away:** The remaining books we have to donate or give away will be given to Chequamegon Books in Washburn. Luann will deliver them during Apple Fest. The books still need to be de-accessed from our records.
  
- H. New Business:** The date for the 4-H Fair next year is currently scheduled for August 16, 2025
  
- I. Possible Project for the Future:**

  - a. Proposed Playground at the Town Hall:** JaNelle explained the Town's position on this and why they are reluctant to fund this project. Dawn suggested that we talk to other Town associations to see how they feel and also suggested we could publish in our Newsletter suggesting funding support. Dean questioned why the Town isn't funding this project in more detail. Discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
  
  - b. Facebook Postings:** Dawn has been posting pictures on our Facebook page since it was created. She suggested we should have Kasey Meier take this task over. Dawn did talk to Kasey about this and she was more than happy to accept this job. After a discussion the Board agreed that Kasey was the perfect person to take this over. Dawn will work with her to make the transition.
  
- J. General announcements, information and reminders**

  - a. Write up of Board Members for future Newsletter:** Karen, Anne Marie & Maryalice have completed theirs. Dean will submit his for the November newsletter.
  
  - b. Election of Board Members in January:** Karen and Dawn's terms are up and they have both decided not to run again. Pam will be resigning from the Board at the January meeting. They have all said they would continue to support SHSI in the future. Several names were suggested as possible Board Members: Dan Erickson, Tim Nelson, Andy Meier, and Loren Erickson. It was suggested that these possibilities be contacted by someone who knew them personally. Cheryl will consider taking over as Treasurer.
  
  - c. Closing of the Yesterday House:** Karen will coordinate with JaNelle to get this done. (Karen reported in a later email that this was completed on 10/18/24. Karen also reported "There is a MAJOR fly problem in the house. I've never seen live flies as thick as they are this year. Didn't the board discuss using an outdoor spray to control flies and Asian beetles? I didn't see any beetles. Please put high-powered outdoor bug spray on the agenda and in the budget for the next meeting. Spraying indoors isn't a good idea due to damaging artifacts.")
  
  - c. K. Schedule next meeting, adjournment:** Our next Board meeting and Annual Membership meeting will be on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. CST. Dean made a motion to adjourn and JaNelle seconded the motion and was accepted by unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maryalice McHugh, Secretary  
September 21, 2024