

**SPIRIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
APRIL 6, 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 by President Luann Lind at 10:04 AM

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

Guest: LaVonne Meier and Courtney Pierson

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

The minutes of January 20, 2024, meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dawn to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mark, and was accepted by unanimous approval.

E. Reports from Officers

- a. The Treasurer's report was presented by Pam. She went over the report presented and shared with us the transition from our previous computerized report to a manual accounting and reporting system. She also let us know that to date we have received \$15,480 in specified donations for the Machine Shed. After some discussion a Motion was made by Maryalice to accept the report and seconded by Dawn with unanimous approval.

F. Reports from Standing Committees

- a. **Update on Machine Shed:** Luann has not started work on the inside of the Machine Shed but plans to this month. She has set up an account for us at Ace Hardware in Rib Lake which will bill us monthly. If anyone is able to assist her with the work, please let her know. A discussion was had about what kind of lighting we wanted in the Machine Shed, when and if we get hooked up to electricity, and we decided that LED fixtures would be best.
- b. **Newsletter:** The current newsletter has been getting terrific feedback and our mailing list continues to grow.

- c. **Facebook and Website:** Facebook continues to get great feedback on our pictures. Luann has updated the website.
- d. **Possible change of Bylaws:** Maryalice and Karen presented the suggested changes made at our last meeting regarding the terms of our officers. Those changes are attached as Addendum A. Karen addressed the fact that the process to change the Bylaws is long and arduous. She also felt that in the long run this was unnecessary for our organization as to date no officer has only served one term. After discussion, Pam made a motion that we do not change our Bylaws at this time. Luann seconded and the motion passed by unanimous approval.

G. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a. **Machine Shed recognition plaque:** A discussion was had about the type of sign to install. It was determined that we would do the same as we did for the Yesterday House but we would attach it to the Machine Shed and not have it free standing. We also discussed if we should have a cutoff date to accept donations so we could have the plaque made. It was felt that we may get some more donations when we have our Grand Opening at the 4-H Fair. We will display and include in the Newsletter a list of Contributors to date and have the plaque ready for our 2025 season.
- b. **Acuity autopay:** Pam has submitted the request to have this happen and will follow up to confirm its completion.
- c. **Manual accounting:** Dawn discussed this during the Treasurer's Report.
- d. **Status of archival records at Lind farmhouse:** Karen and Luann reported that they have made great progress. We have chosen what books we want to keep and offered the rest to the public in our Newsletter. Luann had a great response and reported that after the meeting many books had been picked up and donations to SHSI had been received.
- e. **Brat Sale at local markets:** Mark and JaNelle made inquiries at County Market, Medford and Trig's, Tomahawk. Both had similar programs. After discussion, it was decided that we would try this fundraising event at Trig's. Trig's provides all the necessary appliances and equipment, food stand, signage with predetermined pricing. We would pay for the food and get a 10% discount. They would check on us regularly and replenish our food supplies as needed. They would take back unopened packaging at the end of day, and we would settle up our account with them at that time. JaNelle was going to see if there was a Friday available the end of June. It was also determined that we should create a sign that can be used at this event and others for SHSI. JaNelle made a motion to this proposal, and it was seconded by Dawn. The motion was passed unanimously approval. Luann volunteered to get such a sign made.

H. New Business

a. Barn Dance: Attached to the Minutes as Addendum B is the list of duties assigned. Additionally, the hours for the Dance will be 7pm-Midnight. Board members may leave after the items donated have been distributed to the winners. Board members are again asked to donate 2 items that attendees can purchase a chance to win as we did last year. It was also decided that we would serve ice cream, cookies and new this year root beer floats.

b. Docents for Yesterday House on Memorial Day: Maryalice and Karen will be available

c. Yesterday House Spring Cleaning: Saturday, May 14, 9:00 am

I. General Announcements, information and reminders

a. Membership dues: We were reminded that all Board members should be current with their annual dues.

b. Board Member bios for Newsletter: Karen's bio is in the current Newsletter. Maryalice will send one in for herself and Anne Marie for the next Newsletter.

c. Posters for Yesterday House on Memorial Day: JaNelle and Luann are in charge of this task.

J. Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. CDT

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. with a Motion by JaNelle and seconded by Dawn with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryalice McHugh
Secretary
April 9, 2024