

MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 28, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Attending: Carmine Boal, Lyn Van De Pol, Jim Nervig, JoAnn & Terry Adamson, Lois O'Donnell, Asa Hutton, Karla Kasper, Will Moore, Luke Moore, JoEllen Nervig, Rob Logan, Norm Mc Cleary, Tom & Joan Quinlin, Sue Hutton Davidson, Jim Brazelton, Elaine Brazelton, Janet Willey, Joe Pitts and Rosemary Hutton Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Introductions were made. The blue book was discussed and board members were asked to sign a copy of the Board agreement in the book.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 24, 2023 monthly meeting were reviewed. Motion by Carmine Boal and 2nd by JoEllen Nervig to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's monthly report (October 19 thru November 27, 2023), along with Balance sheet ending November 27, 2023, and the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement (January 1 – November 27, 2023) were reviewed. See attached sheets. Motioned was made by Tom Quinlin, 2nd by Joe Pitts to approve report. Motion carried.

The 2024 Budget was discussed. Under income: Money taken out of Money Market/CD was changed to \$10,210. Under Expenses: decrease Maintenance from \$6,000 to \$800. A motion was made by Jim Nervig and 2nd by Sue Hutton Davidson to raise Sandy McClure from \$15/hour to \$16/hour. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rob Logan and 2nd by Joan Quinlin to approve the 2024 budget with changes. Motion carried.

Office Manager's Report: See attached sheet.

- Office Manager's report was reviewed. It was noted that the front side walk to house and step by the basement entrance were fixed with concrete.

New Business:

- A. Nominations for the 2024 Officers and Board members were introduced. A motion by Jim Brazelton and 2nd by Sue Hutton Davidson to except these nominations and place in office for 2024. Motion carried.
- B. Jo Ellen Nervig gave a report of the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9. They had at this time sold 54 tickets. The Cookie Walk had been shared on Facebook. Madison Fontana will be helping this year so that she can take over next year. People are asked to come at 2 pm to help with the clean-up.
- C. Greg Willey gave some suggestions on how to improve our security. Suggestions were to have outside lights on at 5 p.m. and to run until sunrise. Move the motion light in the library and add a motion light in the kitchen were some of the major suggestions.
- D. Committee sign-ups are encouraged for 2024.
- E. JoAnn Adamson reported that the light by the sign is in need of repair. She contacted Dennis Guernsey to repair it.
- F. Grants were discussed. Bravo request is due December 1. Polk County Community Betterment Grant is due Feb. 28. Rosemary asked if that grant couldn't be written for someone to do research.

Old Business:

- A. Foundation Project Progress – Recommendations will be given at the January meeting.
- B. Ankeny’s Sesquicentennial (2025) Process – An update will be given after the 1st of the year. Terry and JoAnn Adamson have allocated their donation to pay for the video being made for the Sesquicentennial.
- C. Window film for the barn – is still waiting to be installed. Plans to install after all Christmas lights are up.
- D. Plans for Tornado Display (2024) – The northwest side of the barn first floor will be re-done so that photos of the tornado will be able to be display in that area.

Future, Long-term Projects: -

- A. Uptown Main Street America effort (historical data, stuff) & bike trail enhancements (historical stuff??) – Sue Hutton Davidson, JoAnn Adamson and Janet Willey will be on this committee.
- B. Partnering with “The District” officials for signage honoring former land owners – on hold.
- C. Partnering for events: Bingo night at the Legion Hall, Ankeny Trivia nigh, Park picnic, food trucks, etc. JoAnn Adamson said to wait till January to discuss these.

Motion to adjourn by Terry A, 2nd by Sue Hutton Davidson. Motion passed.

Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Secretary