

Ankeny Area Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 25th | Dinner & Meeting

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Attendance:

JoAnn Adamson	Lois O'Donnell	John Wolff	Rosemary Hutton-Taylor
Renee Heberer	Madison Zirretta	Andy Logan	Norm McCleary
Joe Pitts	Liz Ernst	Joan Quinlinn	JoEllen Nervig
Carmine Boal	Bob Fontana		

The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 28, 2025 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Renee Heberer , Second: Andy Logan , Approved.

Treasurer's Report: The following notes were provided by John Wolff.

- Balance Sheet: We have a CD due next month. John will space it out so we can have one due approximately every four months. The checking account balance has increased for this month.
 - Potential Upcoming Project: Exterior Lights (the lines were cut when the drain was installed). Joe Pitts will follow up with the company who.
- Budget vs. Actuals:
 - Membership income was shared, but the amount is still down from last year.
 - Memorials and donations have increased dramatically. The amount was also shared.
 - Pumpkin profit was shared.
 - Interns will continue working. We are still working towards using the allocated budget for their work.
 - Christmas decorations were coded to match the 2025 Bravo Grant. We have now used the total amount of this grant.
 - YTD - Net income was shared and has increased largely due to donations and memorials.
- Monthly Report: Nothing outstanding or large transactions to share for this report.

Motion: Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Second: JoEllen Nervig, Approved

Office Manager's Report: The office manager's report was shared.

- Membership Activity was reviewed for both individuals, businesses, and memorials/donations were also reviewed. An amount needs to be reclassified under memorials - this has been noted and will be shared with Stephanie Lindsley.

New/Current Business:

A. Nominations for 2026 Board Members

- a. Approval for 2026 Nominations

Co-Presidents: Carmine Boal & Rosemary Hutton Taylor

Vice President: Rob Logan

Secretary: Madison Zirretta

Treasurer: John Wolff

1 Year Remaining: Renee Heberer, Asa Hutton Jr., Janet Willey

2 Year Remaining: Andy Logan, Joe Pitts, Tierra Mayberry

3 Year Remaining: Bob Fontana, David Baker, Norm McCleary

Ex-Officio: Dr. Erick Pruitt, Ron Sampson, John Stratton, Lois O'Donnell, JoAnn Adamson

Officer Manager: Stephanie Lindsley

Approved by all present at the November 25, 2025 meeting.

B. Projected Budget for 2026

- a. A few things were updated, such as interest income.
- b. Dues are being paid for the Iowa Museum Association.
- c. The donation amount was increased slightly from last year.
- d. Clarity around "technology" and "
- e. The budget was reviewed and will be voted on in November.
- f. Insurance Agent:
- g. Office Manager payroll was updated.
- h. Projected loss is down from the previous year.

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C. Santa's Holiday Bake Shop (Sunday, December 7th, 2-4PM)

- a. Madison shared updates regarding the event. We have a large amount of interest based off of our social media platforms.
- b. Volunteers working the event and donations of goodies were shared as of 11/25.
- c. Payment for Santa being at the event was shared and John Wolff will make payment on the day of the event.

D. January and/or February Open House

- a. January: No open house.
- b. February: Discussed whether or not to hold another Valentines-themed event during this month. We will table this discussion for now and make a decision regarding the event and/or Open House for this month.

E. Lion's Club

- a. A gentleman called from the Lion's Club and offered us a charter. AAHS will receive the original and they will keep a copy. We will make room for this organization to put on display for an amount of time.

F. Faith Baptist

- a. They would like to do some temporary displays that travel to various locations. In 2027, Faith Baptist will bring the panels to AAHS for display.

Old Business:

A. Committee Reports

- a. Membership Committee Meeting (Carmine, Rob, Andy, JoAnn, Bob)
 - i. Memberships from previous years were reviewed and compared to current memberships. We are down in business memberships. The goal of the committee is to bring in five individual memberships each. The committee has delegated who can work on obtaining individual and business memberships.
 - ii. Stephanie will continue to add a membership's renewal date on our membership list.

- iii. The committee is asking board members to reach out and find at least one new member to add to our current list by January 2027.
 - iv. The business membership cost is NOT going to increase this year. We would like to see if we can recruit more business memberships without raising the cost first.
 - v. The common question being asked is what businesses will receive in return for their membership? We discussed featuring our business members as a "feature business" each month on our social media platforms. Liz and Stephanie will look into a template for doing this.
 - vi. John Wolff shared additional information in regards to business memberships:
 1. Determined who had not paid for 2025 - 30/66 have paid, the rest have not.
 2. Look into automatic-renewal so that business memberships renew each year.
 3. Discussed being more cognizant of our business memberships and sustaining their payment or reciprocal needs.
- b. Collection Committee
- i. AAHS now has an Instagram account. Liz will post once a week to feature some of our collection items.
 - ii. Liz will also fast track some "digital collections" to upload, as well.
 - iii. This committee is also working on de-assessing items.
 - iv. We have a fossil in our collection that needs to be de-assessed. Liz and Nicholas are working on figuring out where/when it is from.
 - v. Rosemary requested help for the following projects:
 1. The panel in the house basement needs to be moved up to the school area of the barn AND hanging/rehanging pictures.
 - a. Joe Pitts will help on December 4th.

Miscellaneous Notes:

- **Ankeny Living Magazine:** We will continue communicating with Ankeny Living Magazine to share
- **Pumpkins:** Our pumpkin profit increased by a total of four cents this year.
- **Board Meetings for 2026:** The schedule will remain the same.
- **Lamberti Plaque:** Joe Pitts has the plaque. He will install it himself. We will need to wait for warmer weather, possibly April, to install the plaque due to the products that need to be used.
- **Project Sheet:** Lois has put together a summary of all of the events and projects that have been done this year. She shared her gratitude for everyone's help and willingness to volunteer. She has put together a scrapbook of all of the year's events.
- **Pumpkins:** Discussed possible locations for next year's pumpkins. Norm will reach out to a few family members to discuss options for next year.

End Time: The meeting ended at PM.

Motion to adjourn by Andy Logan, Second: Bob Fontana. Approved.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 27, 2025 at 8:22PM.

Madison Fontana Zirretta