

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 25, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Attending: John Stratton, Lois O'Donnell, Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Jim Nervig, Karla Kasper, Tom Jones, Elaine Brazelton, Dennis Adamson, Joe Pitts, JoAnn Adamson, Jeanne Uhl, Will Moore and Mark Schulman.

President John Stratton called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. After a year plus working for the historical society, this will be Mark Schulman's last meeting. John thanked him for all the work he has done for organization.

Minutes: Minutes from the November 23, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Dennis Adamson and 2nd by Elaine Brazelton to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Jim Nervig reviewing Balance sheet ending December 31, 2021, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual for January through December 2021, and the January monthly report (November 19, 2021 – January 24, 2022).

Office Manager's Report: Mark Schulman reported:

- John Brown of Johnston and Des Moines Heritage would like to discuss our interactive video displays. Dennis Adamson will follow up on this.
- Stephanie Morris with the Ankeny Lions requesting a speaker. John Stratton will contact her and see if she is wanting a speaker on the historical society or Ankeny history. Rosemary Hutton Taylor offered to do the program.
- Report on the membership activity and donations. He will be ordering bricks this coming Friday. There will be nine bricks to order. Be sure and sign up for open houses and committees.

Grants/Fundraising: Lois O'Donnell

- New money from Bravo is being requested.
- The \$5,000 from Iowa Arts Council Grant will be used for publicity. Julsdesign's Lindsay Gustafson will be helping us with this. She is doing the Vintage Valentine event and will help with the April Luncheon.
- John Deere declined our request for money for upgrade to security system.

New Business:

- John Stratton updated on the AAHS Newspaper Flyer the Orbis students did. It is ready for print. Discussion was held about making sure all social media was on it and that we are using the same branding such as #ankenyhistory.
- John also reported that you need to get your committee budget to Jim Nervig as soon as possible so that we can get a 2022 Budget made.

- April Luncheon: Rosemary Hutton Taylor reported that the luncheon is set for Saturday, April 2 at noon. It will be held on the first floor of the house. There will be seating for 24 people. Members can help by buying tickets and selling them.
- A new office manager has been hired and her name is Erin Hulscher.
- Bylaws reviewed by John Stratton
 - Article 1 – Membership and Dues – Drop Section 6 and change Section 7 to 6.
 - Article II – Selection 1 - Delete “for members of the AAHS and the” and replace with “of the AAHS” Section 2- Replace “The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly on the third Sunday” and replace with “The members shall meet quarterly on the fourth Tuesday”.
 - Article III – Section 4 add “Office Manager or treasurer’s designee”.
 - Dennis Adamson made the motion to accept these changes and 2nd by Elaine Brazelton.
 - Article V will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Museum goals/projects – a written report listing the museums and goals was reviewed. John Stratton reminded this is a fluid list moving forward.

Projects: Lois O’Donnell presented a project spreadsheet. Signage for benefactor recognition plaques was discussed including the Pitts family and barn plaque. Volunteers to write/develop info TV slides was discussed. Rosemary Hutton Taylor suggested we hire someone to help us with this. Maybe we could get a grant for this. At the same time putting QR codes on items.

Board Member Elections in the Fall (2022) – John Stratton suggested we look for people who would want to be on the board. JoAnn Adamson said she had a possible candidate for the board. John also informed the board that this will be his last year.

Programs/Tour – Lois O’Donnell discussed Vintage Valentines. There will be open house January 30, February 6, 12 & 13. On the 12 and 13 you can make your own valentines and do a scavenger hunt in the barn. The committee would like 6 people for both the 12 & 13. Tour Protocols will align with Ankeny Schools Policies and Procedures.

Unfinished Business:

- Endowment Committee Ideas – John Stratton will meet with those that are interested in helping us with this.
- Collections – Rosemary Hutton Taylor asked that anyone planning on removing or relocating any artifact including from storage or in a display to please contact her. Many artifacts are on Past Perfect and we want to keep that current with their locations. She also reminded the group if you are doing a display that the collection committee is a great resource for you. And she also

remained the group the collection committee is the one who accepts artifacts for the museum. And to please notify her or JoEllen Nervig if someone is wanting to donate an artifact.

- Main Front Sign – needs rebuilt and updated.

Future long-term items to consider:

- Ankeny's Sesquicentennial 2025
- Partnering with "The District" officials about signage honoring former land owners and the DMOP, ISU Research Farm, now Prairie Trail/District area. Committee - John Stratton and Bob Fontana.

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Adamson, 2nd by Jim Nervig. Motion passed. Next board meeting is Tuesday, February 22, 2022 @ 5:30.

Rosemary Hutton Taylor