

Ankeny Area Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 - DRAFT

Attendance:

John Wolff	Tierra Mayberry	Renee Heberer
Carmine Boal	Adriana Cason	Liz Ernst
Rosemary Hutton Taylor	Asa Hutton	Norm McCleary
Madison Zirretta	Bob Fontana	Joe Pitts
Dave		

The meeting was called to order at 6:34PM.

Agenda Review: Approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the May 26, 2026 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Tierra Mayberry, Second: Renee Heberer, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: The reports were reviewed by attendees and presented by John Wolff.

- Money Market Account - Provided a review on this account. See specific report for details.
- Reviewed balance sheet and substantial donation.
- Endowment Fund - Reviewed increase in balance. We have the ability to spend 5% of this balance if we choose to do so. We could access the fund in its entirety if necessary, but would require board action.
- Reviewed activity since the May Board Meeting. Our tax return preparation was included in the expenses and the report was also available for review. There was a question about the Class of 1963 bench and how much they were paying/donating for the bench project. Clarity was provided around the Uptown Food & Beverage Co. expense - we have four gift cards that can be used for future needs.
- Night of the Museum - The amount of tip money earned at this event was shared.

Motion: Joe Pitts, Second: Tierra Mayberry, Approved.

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

- A question regarding a donation from a charity fund was asked - Michael Wallace Charity Fund.
- Reviewed some of the other names and families under "membership activity".

Old Business:

A. Recap: Night at the Museum, Farmland to Frontline, Juneteenth

- a. Farmland to Frontline: Rosemary, Carmine, and Bob spoke at Sips & Songs to share the information about the plaque.
- b. Night at the Museum: Feedback was sought out as to when we should hold the program (before, after, during) during the event. The video that was shown will still be available July 7th at the Polk City Historical Society.
- c. Juneteenth: There was a great turnout for the event. They did a news story on the event. We reflected on how Tierra spread the word for the event. This was a great opportunity to get people into the museum.

B. Gene Samuelson's Donation - Electronic Sign:

- a. Eagle Signs (Grimes, IA): Pictures of what the electronic sign would look like were shared. There are two options to select from. The designs follow City of Ankeny requirements. We are still waiting for pricing - electrical work, brick, signage, etc. The new sign would take the place of the current sign.

C. Donation by AHS Class 1963

- a. Digging out Bushes - Rob and Bob will dig out the bushes. We will likely throw the bushes away.
- b. Materials - Joe Pitts provided a materials list to Bob. Bob requested approval to get materials. He will need to use the debit card or get reimbursed, and use the tax exemption car at Menards.
- c. Concrete - Bob will reach out to various companies and/or individuals to inquire about concrete. The concrete should sit for at least one week before placing the bench.
- d. Bench - The bench will be here in approximately three weeks. There may be a plaque, as well, but the Class of 1963 will need to decide what they want the plaque to say and if they are going to pay for the cost of it.

D. Committees

- a. **Membership:** Carmine has been working on her list of potential members.

- b. **Collections & Exhibits:**

- i. Spinning Wheel & Prizes: We used the spinning wheel at Night at the Museum. The spinning wheel and various prizes were purchased to use for future events, as well.
- ii. Yearbooks: The majority of the yearbooks are available in the Barn. Extra copies of yearbooks are in the house.
- iii. We are six years behind on displaying championships. Discussion around how we get caught up on this was had.

- c. **Volunteers**

- i. New Volunteers: Mallory, Josie, and Allison will be here over the summer. They will be helping with various tasks around the museum and cleaning.
- ii. Item Feature Cards: Volunteers will be helping with these.
- iii. Display Tags: Allison and Liz are working on making new display tags for all of the items in the museum.

- d. **Public Relations - Uptown Meeting**

- i. Asa attended the meeting, but upon his arrival was told that the meeting was canceled. The Uptown Association is supposed to reschedule the meeting in one week.
- ii. The Uptown Association received a grant and will be adding 50 holiday light displays for the upcoming holiday season. They are inquiring about placing more than one light display on the museum grounds.

- e. **Programs/Tours/Open Houses**

- i. We are seeking three additional volunteers for this Saturday's Open House (6/27).
- ii. July 12, 2026: Spirit of '76 Event (Dave Baker). Liz and Stephanie will continue to promote the event, as well as Dave on his various platforms. We will also put signs out at the Farmers Market.

- f. **Sustainability & Fundraising:**

- i. **Ice Cream Social:** Asa and Karla met a few weeks ago and have the inventory portion completed. The event will be on Sunday, August 24th from 2-4PM. We will need approximately 18 gallons of vanilla ice cream and bottled water. Bob will ask for these items as a donation from the North HyVee. We will set up yard games similar to last year. The recognition will take place around 3PM. Rosemary will make the certificates. Asa and Bob will work on compiling the resumes of the individuals being recognized. Karla would also like

help calling individuals for donations. Rosemary has the information for the city band and passed it on to Asa & Karla.

- ii. **Pumpkin Sales:** Asa provided an update on pumpkins. He is going to watch replanting tomorrow (6/24). We are looking at 90 day pumpkins, so we may have a smaller amount this year.

- iii. **Cookie Sales:** Everything is good to go. Will hit the ground running closer to Sept./Oct.

g. Housekeeping & Landscaping Committee: JoAnne and Carmine will be up at the museum on June 24th. They will find a spot for the hosta plant (Floppy Show).

h. Major Maintenance Committee:

- i. Sprinkler System: Sprinklers were tested in May. The company indicated a few repairs needed to be done. We need the dry heads tested. Repairs requested to be approved.

Motion: Asa Hutton, Second: Bob Fontana, Dave Baker, Approved.

- ii. Elevator: As of now, the elevator is working!

E. Trivia Night at Uptown Garage: We will need to pause on this event with the change in positions at the uptown association.

F. Additional Old Business: No reports.

New/Current Business:

A. Silver Cord Projects: Carmine explained what Silver Cord hours are and how to earn them. A list of tasks will be sent to the high schools.

B. Donations: We need to generate a list of ideas for what donors can donate their money towards (things we need, things we don't have, expanding the brick area, etc.).

C. Benches: The wood benches outside of the barn are in poor shape. To keep them nice, we would need to repair them every 3-4 years. Discussed ideas - get rid of them, clean them up, etc. Rosemary indicated the decorative items can be rearranged if desired.

- a. Bob proposed a motion to get rid of the benches. Carmine suggested amending the motion to keep the benches until a replacement for them is secured.

- b. Motion: The benches will stay in place until a replacement is secured.

Motion: Bob Fontana, Second: Tierra Mayberry, Approved.

D. Julie Samuelson: She will be back in August for Gene's burial. She would like to meet board members and have a tour of the museum while she is back from France. Bob will be in contact with board members once information is finalized.

E. Class of 1976: Renee has not heard anything as of yet. She will reach out to see if they would like a tour for their 50 year reunion.

Miscellaneous Notes:

- June 9, 2027 - Floppy's 70th Birthday (web store for Floppy gear, connection to individuals in Minnesota, red carpet, etc.)
- Bricks - We have 22 bricks that need to be laid around the bell. Asa has reached out to inquire about costs for having them laid.

End Time: The meeting ended at 7:54PM.

Motion to adjourn by Asa Hutton, Second: Joe Pitts. Approved.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 6:30PM.

Madison Fontana Zirretta