

**Ankeny Area Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 26, 2022**

**Attending:** John Stratton, Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Chris Schumacher, Joe Pitts, Jo Ellen Nervig, Dennis Adamson, Evan Albaugh, Elaine Brazelton, and Will Moore.

President John Stratton called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Minutes from the June 28, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Jeanne Uhl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Pitts to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's monthly report (July 24 – July 22, 2022): Balance sheet ending July 22, 2022 and the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement (January 1 – July 22, 2022) were reviewed. Motioned by Chris Schumacher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Fontana to approve report. Motion carried.

**Office Manager's Report:**

Communications-

- Open house will continue on Saturdays from 10 am to Noon through the end of August. First Sunday open houses will begin on the first Sunday of September. Hosts and hostesses are still needed.
- Information for the Fall Newsletter should be sent to the office by the first week in August.

Membership-

- 21 individuals and families paid for membership 06/28/2022, which one was new.
- Four extra donations, totaling \$225. Reminders are continually sent out upon renewal time for current members.
- No business memberships were received this month. Renewal reminders were mailed to businesses last week.
- Working with Membership Committee on possible business campaign before end of this calendar year, through personalized letter request.
- Also targeting Uptown Association business members for their support through membership to AAHS.
- Sandy has some good ideas to get new members.

Memorials-

- Ten memorials were received, totaling \$350. They were given in honor of Enes Logli, Ron Van DePol, Dena Randolph and Diana Houge.

Donations-

- \$1,456 in donations were received this month. James & Lynn Harkin-\$50, Roger & Sandra Spahr - \$450, Brian Burns - \$900 and Tracey Groy - \$56.

Merchandise Sales-

- Two Images of America-Ankeny books sold, two memorial bricks ordered by Brian Burns and Dan McCarty. Working on order for more t-shirts, as inventory is low.

**Grants/Fundraising:** Nothing new on grants.

**New Business:**

- By Laws were updated. Dennis Adamson will schedule vote electronically for members in August.
- New exterminator service agreement was entered into due to the wasp problem.
- It was approved for Rosemary Hutton Taylor to purchase a new solid-state hard drive for Collection's notebook computer. Money to be taken out of the John Deere Grant.
- A new brochure featuring Central Iowa Historical Societies developed so local societies can print them out and display for patrons to take.

**Opportunities:**

- No Summer Camp with Tara Tyler Gentil this year. Hopefully, we can do it next year.
- Evan Albaugh is doing a summer internship through Grinnell College here at the museum. Some of the projects he is working on are coal mining, researching info for the country parlor and country kitchen to put on TV and Crossroad Communities.

**Projects:** Volunteers to write/develop info for TV Slides are needed.

**Board Member Elections in the Fall (2022):** Need recruits, especially for president.

**Programs/Tour:**

- Tour Protocols: We will align with Ankeny Schools' Policies and Procedures.

**Public Relations:**

- Fall Newsletter – please send info to Sandy by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Uptown Association – Bob Fontana and Sandy McClure are the representatives for it, though anyone is welcome to attend. Next meeting is August 22 at noon, Uptown Garage.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Upgrade Needed: Database that will meet our financial, office needs, and simply duplication – nothing has been reported.
- Joe Pitts is working on repairing the sign in front of the house. Website address will be added to it.
- Ankeny Service Club (basement of the house) display will be done by John Stratton and Evan Albaugh.

**Future long-term items to consider:**

- In 2023, Ankeny will celebrate 120 years of incorporation next year. Rosemary Hutton Taylor is working on this if anyone would like to help.
- Ankeny's Sesquicentennial is in 2025. JoAnn Adamson has contacted the Chamber to do a partnership. Rosemary Hutton Taylor and Jason Duke have volunteered to help with this

**Motion to adjourn by Joe Pitts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Adamson. Motion passed.**

**Next board meeting is Tuesday, August 23, 2022 @ 5:30.**

Rosemary Hutton Taylor