

Ankeny Area Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 - DRAFT

Attendance:

Carmine Boal	Renee Heberer	Bob Fontana
Rosemary Hutton-Taylor	Joe Pitts	Evan Albaugh
Rob Logan	Norm McCleary	Adriana Cason
Madison Zirretta	Tierra Mayberry	

The meeting was called to order at 6:36PM.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 27, 2026 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Rob Logan, Second: Tierra Mayberry, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: The reports were reviewed by attendees.

- Tax forms are not sent out to individuals who donate.

Motion: Asa Hutton, Second: Renee Heberer, Approved

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

- Discussed new business memberships.

Old Business:

A. Cookie Sale

- a. Santa Claus: There were not enough visitors to continue having Santa Claus present at the Cookie Sale. We will not continue with this portion of the Cookie Sale in 2026.
- b. Prepackaged Cookies: Consider doing a mixture of prepackaged cookies and "choose your own" selection.
- c. Discussed Saturday versus Sunday option for hosting the Cookie Sale. We will likely not do it in conjunction with another Open House.

B. Grants/Bravo:

- a. A presentation was conducted on February 16th. Rosemary attended the presentation. She shared that our organization was mentioned at the presentation.

C. Plaques for Lambertis

- a. Joe Pitts is heading up this project. He shared what the plaque stated. We discussed having more verbiage on the plaque other than their names. Joe will look at the plaque and report back.

D. Pumpkin Patch

- a. **Evan Albaugh will have a conversation with his dad to see if there is a space that will work**

E. Bylaws

- a. Carmine, Rob, and Tierra will get a date on the calendar to meet about refining the bylaws.

F. Additional "Old Business" - NONE

New/Current Business:

A. Open Houses

- a. March 1st: Asa, Rosemary, Janet, Tierra, Addy, and Evan will be in attendance.
- b. The Boy Scouts will arrive at 1PM. Evan worked with them on their presentation.
- c. The open house will take place from 2-4PM.

B. Calendar & Programs 2026

- a. **April Program:** Thursday, April 12th: The Lions Club indicated they would do a program in April. Bob Fontana will discuss with Alexa Middleton and see which structure is preferred. The event will start at 12PM.
 - i. We will need tables downstairs for The Lions Club. Rob, Bob, and Asa will help to set up.
 - ii. Bob will touch base with Alexa to ensure the pop, pizza, and water will be here.
- b. **May Program:** Jeff Lamberti was instrumental with the USS Iowa and Tom O'Donnell was instrumental with the USS Iowa Submarine. There was discussion around having both of these gentlemen in to conduct a program around both.
 - i. The date would be Sunday, May 3rd at 1PM.
 - ii. Rose will touch base with Jeff to see if there is interest.

We also discussed the Ankeny Art Center and the Arts Festival that will take place on Saturday, May 16th. We will discuss our involvement in the Arts Festival at a later meeting.
- c. **June Program:** Night at the Museum - Building of Saylorville Lake (30 minute video) on June 11th. Rose will touch base with Dennis Gibson about the photos he has of the Saylorville project to see if he can lend any information, as well as other contacts she knows that have connections to the project. Rob Logan will organize Wise Guys Pizza to be in attendance at the event. We also discussed preparing a presentation for the Saturday open house in honor of Juneteeth. Tierra, Evan, and Janet will work on scheduling a meeting to begin preparing for the event. Tierra mentioned using a video of an interview with JoAnn Jones.
- d. **July Program:** We need Dave Baker to set a date for this event.
- e. **August Program:** Ice Cream Social - Asa and Karla will work on setting a date.
- f. **September Program:** Labor Day will be a Saturday Open House instead of Sunday. There will be a program on Corn & Khrushchev conducted by Liz Garst. Avoid Monday evenings if possible.
- g. **October Program:** Dave will conduct a presentation around ghost towns/tours.
- h. **November Program:** Rose will touch base with the DAR organization.
- i. **December Program:** Cookie Sale - Madison will identify a date for this event.

C. Committee Reports

a. Collections/Exhibits

- i. Boy Scouts / Lions
- ii. School Area: Girls Recreation Association display was finished. Pep Club and Band will be done before Sunday, March 1st. A display case with buttons about Ankeny sports has been added, as well as a display about school lunches. Quilts made by elementary students in 1976 will be hung in the house basement (this will be a portion of celebrating our country's 250th anniversary).
- iii. Season Decorations - Easter: Janet W. will help decorate the house and barn.
- iv. Carmine suggested having an exhibit and/or display on 6v6 Girls Basketball.

b. Housekeeping & Landscaping

- i. Carmine will touch base with JoAnn to make sure we are on the same page for housekeeping and landscaping needs throughout the year.

c. Membership

- i. Bob has worked to create a template for businesses to complete along with their membership form. There are some details on the template that will be updated.
- ii. Discussed featuring new members, not just businesses, in our newsletter.

- iii. Madison will work on editing the template and making sure it is accessible in both hard copy and digital format.
- iv. Bob will send Carmine 4-5 businesses to visit and she will follow up with them. The committee members will also touch base to make sure they are all on the same page.

d. Programs & Tours

- i. Parkview Middle School Local History Club
 1. February 25th - Rose will present, share pictures, answer questions, etc.
 2. April 29th - The group will be coming to AAHS to tour.
- ii. Ankeny Leadership - Request to tour museum
 1. Carmine is meeting about this next Monday to set a date. This is something the chamber will do to educate young people about the city of Ankeny.
 2. Tierra offered to help with the tour.

e. Public Relations

- i. Iowa Wild: Rose, Joe, and Liz attended the event. They took a giant poster of Floppy, a pair of old ice skates, and a slideshow. An Ankeny Hockey picture was displayed, as well. There were approximately 6-7 other groups present, as well.
- ii. Uptown Meeting: Rose offered the idea of coming up with a trivia activity.
- iii. Giveaways: Discussed what other organizations handed out as "freebies" at community events and possible ideas for AAHS to update their items that are distributed. We would also like to purchase a spinning wheel to use at events.

f. Fundraising - X

g. Centennial High School

- i. Annual presentation with 11th grade students
- ii. April 27th: Two time slots available for students to help with projects. What suggestions do we have for them to work on - cleaning, landscaping, outdoor work, mulch, etc. ?
- iii. Cookies for Kids with Cancer Bake Sale: This organization would like to use our facilities to host the event. This would be good advertisement for our organization. Rose will touch base with them to finalize a date.

Miscellaneous Notes:

- Discussed the structure of the Uptown Meeting occurring on March 5th.
- Ankeny Trivia Night at Uptown Garage - Bob will work with Uptown to get more information about organizing this type of event.
- Board Members: Community members have expressed interest in becoming involved with AAHS as board members or as volunteers. The question was posed if we would consider increasing the number of board members - this would require a change in our bylaws. We would like to see some of these individuals sign up for committees and attend meetings.
- Reminder: If multiple board members sign up to "host" an Open House, it can only count towards one individual's number for the year.

End Time: The meeting ended at 8:01 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Tierra Mayberry, Second: Renee Heberer. Approved.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:30PM.

Madison Fontana Zirretta