

Ankeny Area Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 | 6:30PM

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Attendance (14):

Karla Kasper	Jim Nervig	Rosemary Hutton Taylor	Asa Hutton
Renee Heberer	Madison Zirretta	John Wolff	Carmine Boal
Bob Fontana	Norm McCleary	Janet	
Lois O'Donnell	JoAnn Adamson	Barb Agan	

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 25, 2025 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Carmine Boal, Second: Janet Willey, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: The following reports were presented by John. See attached

- Renewed Veridian CD - 9 month option
- Budget vs. Actual
 - Larger Expenses: Elevator, 2 Doors, A-Tech Security
- Discussed who empties donation boxes and how frequently it is done

Motion: Renee Heberer, Second: Jim Nervig, Approved

Office Manager's Report:

- Reflected membership activity, business renewals, memorials, and donations.

New/Current Business:

A. Volunteers at Upcoming Events: Encouraging members to volunteer at Open House events, as well as Saturday mornings.

B. April Open House - Meet Your Mayor: The event will take place on Sunday, April 6th from 2-4PM. The event will be a meet and greet style with refreshments offered. Once people are seated, we will offer suggestions, questions/answers, etc. JoAnn will be in the house basement with the mayor. We have signage that will help direct attendees. Consider a politically correct statement to avoid conflict during the event:

- a. Potential Option: *"We appreciate everyone's engagement and enthusiasm. To ensure we stay on track, we kindly ask that this session remain a structured Q&A rather than an open town hall. This will allow us to address as many questions as possible within the allotted time."*

C. Centennial High School Cleaning Day: This will take place on Friday, May 2nd. Centennial High School seniors (8-10 individuals) will be here from 9-11AM. We need adult supervisors to volunteer.

- a. Dust the house, clean the windows, yard work, sweeping the first floor of the Barn

- D. May Open House - JF Ankeny's "Birthday Party":** This event will take place on Sunday, May 4th from 2-4PM with speaker, Karla Wright. She has a 20 minute video to show about the family and tri-fold posters. We will begin advertising for the event the day after "Meet the Mayor". John Fletcher's family members (direct descendants) will also be attending the event.
- E. June Open House - Night at the Museum:** The event will take place on Tuesday, June 10th from 6-8PM. Rob Logan will look into scheduling the pizza truck. Lois has attempted to contact Evan Albaugh, but no success as of yet. Janet will contact David Baker to see if he would be available to reenact. We will have other posters and such to share with attendees. Rosemary will contact everyone to see if they would be willing to dress up in costume for the event.
- F. Saturday, July 12th: Summerfest Parade & Chicken Feed**
- a. **Chicken Feed:** The event will run from 11AM-2PM. We will sell tickets in the office and online at \$25 each. The \$25 includes 2 pieces of chicken, 2 sides, rolls, and water. HyVee is charging us \$18 per meal, so we will profit \$7 per ticket. We will ask the Boys Scouts & Lions Club to usher tables and HyVee will serve food. The event will take place at the AMP and will be able to seat approximately 250 people. Ticket goal is 500. If we sell fewer than 500, we will open sales to the public. Ticket sales will begin in April. If the weather does not cooperate, the event will take place at the Senior Center.
 - b. **Parade Float:** John Jenson will design the float and pull it with a tractor.
 - c. **Local Organization Tents:** Letters have been sent to local businesses offering a station at the Chicken Feed. A few org
 - d. **Open House:** Volunteers will be needed at the House and the Barn to facilitate an Open House from 12PM-3PM.
 - e. **Additional Ideas:** Janet offered to have a few ponies available for kids to brush, pet, etc. She will get additional information and consider having them present at the Barn.
- G. Summer Tours:** Share availability with Stephanie during the summer so we know who is available to facilitate tours.

Old Business:

- A. **Schools & Activities: Bob & Karla brought additional photos** (Timeline Items: band state champions, girls basketball teams, baseball teams, football team behind Neveln, etc.).
- B. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Collection Work: Work time on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 10AM-12PM
 - b. Please do not take anything out of the basement or out of the collections without letting Rosemary or Barb know. There is a form that needs to be filled out.
 - c. If someone has an item to donate, please take a picture of it first to be sent to Rosemary or Barb prior to bringing the item to the house.

Future, Long-Term Projects:

Miscellaneous Items:

- Check bylaws to clarify who is able to second and approve motions.

- Senior group had great attendance (29 individuals).
- Group from Neveln attended a tour (8 individuals).
 - Idea: Create vintage Floppy t-shirts to sell for the Sesquicentennial. Check with Elliott's to see how they did the t-shirts. Consider other ideas, such as a Floppy Scavenger Hunt.
- An individual from the Des Moines Register came up to the house to take pictures.
- April 24th: Rosemary will facilitate the Mill Pond tour.
- April 29th: Renee and Asa will facilitate the Goodwill tour.
- Plaques will be fixed to the rocks during the first week of June. Written portion was brought for board members to proofread.
- Additional items were brought to be donated to AAHS (yearbook, state tournament guides, Ankeny 125th Anniversary items, etc.).

End Time: The meeting ended at 7:48PM.

Motion to adjourn by Asa Hutton, Second: Bob Fontana. Approved.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:30PM.

Madison Fontana Zirretta