

Ankeny Area Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2022

Attending: John Stratton, Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Lois O'Donnell, Jim Nervig, Chris Schumacher, Tom Jones, Sandy McClure, JoAnn Adamson, Joe Pitts, Jo Ellen Nervig, Elaine Brazelton, and Karla Kasper.

President John Stratton called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the July 26, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Elaine Brazelton and 2nd by Karla Kasper to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's monthly report (July 22 – August 19, 2022), Balance sheet ending August 19, 2022, and the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement (January 1 – August 19, 2022) were reviewed. Motioned by Chris Schumacher and 2nd by JoEllen Nervig to approve report. Motion carried.

Office Manager's Report: Reviewed by Sandy McClure

- Communications:
 - This Saturday (08/27) will be the last “summer” open house. Starting September 4, open houses will be held on the first Sunday of each fall and winter month (except for December and January, when no open house will be held).
 - The Summer 2022 newsletter is in the process of being printed. The fall/winter newsletter will out in the month December. Please send info to Sandy by the 1st of October.
 - T-shirts are being ordered from Wee's Tees. The price will be \$20.00.
- Membership Activity:
 - Individual and Family: Sixteen individual and family memberships were renewed this month, along with two new individual memberships and one new family membership taken.
 - Businesses: Five business memberships were renewed.
 - Donations: \$150 was donated by the Ankeny Class of 1977.
 - Merchandise: one brick was purchased by Angie Lappe, one “Images of Ankeny” book and one Ankeny map drawing were purchased. The numbered drawings were set back for another time.
 - Memorials: \$60 Memorial by Helen Nelson, in honor of James Nelson Sr.

Grants/Fundraising:

- Request for the Bravo grant ideas is needed as soon as possible. Money for the Ankeny's 120 years of incorporation display and Bridal Display were suggested.

New Business:

- By Laws were updated. Dennis Adamson will schedule vote electronically for members.
- Lois O'Donnell reviewed the project list. The wallpaper for the ceiling is put on hold due to illness in the contractor's family.
- Update on Pumpkins was given by Elaine Brazelton and JoAnn Nervig.
- Open House hosts in September, October and November (the first Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.) are needed. There will be no January 1 open house. Be sure this is on the web site.
- Autumn Activities: The society will participate in Uptown's Pints and Pumpkins and Trunk or Treat. No dates at this time.

- Intern results: Leslie Stratton Gookin has done a great job putting information on Past Perfect, but will only be able to work here and there due to being back at school. Rose Hutton Taylor will take over. Since they will be paid as contract workers, they must submit a 1099.
- Replacement of the DVD player for the Iron Rite iron: Rose Hutton Taylor made a display sign with a QR Code for the iron. The QR Code takes you to a You Tube demonstrating how the iron works.
- Phone line to barn issue: The problem has been resolved at no cost to the society.

Opportunities:

- John Stratton gave an update on Evan Albaugh's process on his summer internship.

Projects:

- John Stratton will follow up on the bench in memory of Ron Fontana.
- Joe Pitts will look into the basement ceiling lights flickering in the house. Also, Joe Pitts, Sandy McClure and Lois O'Donnell will look into a different light in the office.
- The front sign is done.
- Evan Albaugh has been making progress on write/develop info for TV slides.

Board Member Elections in the fall (2022)

- Recruiting is in progress for both officers and board members.

Programs/Tours:

- Summer Open House on Saturday mornings went well, and we will be switching back to the first Sunday of the month (September, October and November), from 2-4p.m.

Unfinished Business:

- Upgrade Needed: Database that will meet our financial, office needs, and simply duplication – Sandy McClure will use Past Perfect.
- A Solid-State Hard Drive for the Collection's notebook computer has been installed.
- John Stratton is making progress on the Ankeny Service Club display in the basement of the house.

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
- Partnering with "The District" officials about signage honoring former land owners of the DMOP, ISU Research Farm, now Prairie Trail/District.
- Ideas for future events/fundraising: Bingo night at Legion Hall, all Ankeny Trivia Night, Homecoming Barbeque/Wagner Park Picnic/Food Truck.

Motion to adjourn by JoEllen Nervig, 2nd by Chris Schumacher. Motion passed. Next board meeting is Tuesday, September 27, 2022 @ 5:30.

Rosemary Hutton Taylor