

Ankeny Area Historical Society Board Meeting
May 26, 2026

Present: Norm McCleary, Andy Logan, Renee Heberer, Rob Logan, Josi Syata, Liz Ernst, Carmine Boal, Janet Willey, Bob Fontana, Joan Jensen, John Jensen, Joe Ellen Nervig, Evan Albaugh, JoAnn Adamson, Asa Hutton, Tierra Mayberry, Adriana Cason, Dave Baker, Rosemary Hutton Taylor

Meeting was brought to order at 6:32 pm. Any additions to the agenda was asked for.

Bob Fontana talked first due to have to leave to celebrate his wedding anniversary with his lovely wife that night.

Dedication of Farmland to Frontline: is June 12 in the District at the Town Center. The plaque is up and the time of the dedication will be approximately 8:00 p.m. Bob ask that as many of the historical society members be present at the dedication as possible.

Ankeny High Class of 1963: are wanting to donate \$2,000 to the historical society. They asked what they could purchase to have their name on this item. A bench was suggested. Bob and Andy Logan will meet with the class and see if that is okay and where they can put the bench.

Ice Cream Social: Bob has talked with the manager at Hy-Vee North about donations. Andrew Cochran said that Hy-Vee will donate the ice cream and anything else we would need. The recognition of Jerry Pezzetti, Fred Smith, and Bob Sharp will take place at 3 pm. We will have framed certificates made for each recipient.

Minutes: A motion by Joan Jensen and 2nd by Andy Logan was made to approve the April 28 minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report was reviewed and comments by Treasurer John Wolff were read. Motion by Renee Heberer was made and 2nd by Dave Baker to approve the monthly treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Office Manager Report was reviewed.

Old Business:

Presentation of the plaque for Lambertis was well reviewed. Everyone present enjoyed the presentation by Jeff Lamberti about the USS Iowa.

The Gene Samualson's donation was discussed. Rosemary brought up that she would like to purchase an electronic sign for out front. The consensus of the group was it would be a good asset. Rosemary will continue to look in to the sign.

Summer Newsletter will be coming out soon. Good job Stephanie.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws were voted on with the changes made and presented at the last meeting. A motion by Asa Hutton and 2nd by Rob Logan to accept the new bylaws presented. The Bylaws were unanimously approved.

Membership – things are going good.

Collections and Exhibits – Josi Syata is our new volunteer was introduced. Josi will be helping with Liz this summer.

Public Relations – The Uptown Meeting will be June 4 at noon.

Program and Tours – “Night at the Museum” will be Thursday, June 11 (not June 6 as printed on the agenda). Program about Saylorville Lake will be at 6 pm and open house will be from 7 – 8:30 pm. Joan Jensen will be the athlete that night. JoEllen Nervig and Tierra Mayberry will be hostess in the house. Wise Guy pizza will be there!!!!

Leadership Institute Tour – is scheduled for June 16 @ 3:30 pm.

Juneteenth June 20 open house– Tierra gave of a report of what will be happen during our open house that day.

Imagine the Possibilities Tour – is June 23

Summer Open Houses - Don't forget to sign up for our Saturday open houses from 10 am to noon.

Nominations – Nothing to report at this time.

Sustainability & Fundraising –

Ice Cream Social – the Urbandale City Band will again be playing

Pumpkins – The pumpkins will be planted by the American Inn this year.

Housekeeping and Landscape – JoAnn Adamson and Carmine Boal planted annuals.

Major Maintenance Committee – Rosemary is still working on if we need updates on our sprinkler system and elevator. She also reported that we can now use the outside electrical boxes on the barn. There are keys in the key boxes.

Trivia Night at Uptown Garage – still working on it.

Other old business: Evan Albaugh reported he is still getting a bid on getting the Oralabor Map's mold removed.

New Business:

Hiring a part-time Collections/Exhibit person - Motion by Andy Logan and 2nd by Rob Logan to hire Liz Ernst as the part-time Collections/Exhibit person for 12 per week retro the 1st of May. Motion carried.

FYI – Nagel Country School House was purchased by Ankeny Charter School and will be keeping the building.

Motion by Tierra Mayberry and 2nd by Asa Hutton to adjourn.