

Ankeny Area Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28th | 6:30PM

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Attendance:

Carmine Boal	Rosemary Hutton-Taylor	Asa Hutton	Renee Heberer
Lois O'Donnell	JoAnn Adamson	Madison Zirretta	Joe Pitts
John Wolff	Joan Jensen	Andy Logan	Rob Logan
Janet Willey	Bob Fontana	Dave Baker	Tierra Mayberry
Addy	Guest of Tierra M.		

The meeting was called to order at 6:38PM.

Minutes: The minutes from the September 23, 2025 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Bob Fontana , Second: Rob Logan, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: The following notes were provided by John Wolff.

- Balance Sheet: Our checking account balance has increased from the last month. We have had four "up-quarters" and one "down-quarter".
- Budget vs. Actuals:
 - Membership dues are down from previous years. Stephanie has done some additional investigating and has predetermined that we should have more memberships renewed getting us closer to our goal
 - Pumpkins: Total amount collected thus far was shared. We still have some money to be collected and deposited.
 - Fundraisers: Additional balances were shared (bricks, chili cook-off)
 - Investments: Value of endowment fund was shared.
 - Intern Wages: Total amount of what has been spent thus far was shared. Discussed including a projected budget of a similar
 - Bravo Grant: We still have some funds that need to be reclassified for the grant.
 - Grants for 26-27: Potential grant opportunities were discussed (Bravo, Polk County, Prairie Meadows) and a list of projects/items to qualify for grant funding needs to be generated. Deadlines for grants will also need to be determined.
- Monthly Report: Activity in our various accounts was shared.
- Revised Sesquicentennial Report: A revised income item was added to the report and shared.

Motion: Rosemary Hutton Taylor , Second: Joe Pitts , Approved

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

- Membership Activity was reviewed. Discussed getting additional businesses on board to become members and potentially increasing business membership dues. We discussed a few businesses that are currently members and how they contribute to AAHS. Consider ideas for celebrating

and thanking our various business memberships (sharing their logos on the website and/or newsletter, hosting an event, signage, etc.).

- Merchandise income and pumpkin income were both shared.
 - A new location for AAHS pumpkins will need to be determined for next year.
 - Gratitude towards Asa and other "pumpkin pickers" was shared.

New/Current Business:

A. Nominations for 2026 Board Members

- a. Carmine, Bob, and Janet lead the committee to identify nominations for 2026 and shared their report. Nominations were reviewed and will be voted on in November.
- b. We discussed the current by-laws with recommending only three board members. Should we consider modifying the by-laws to state there can be additional board members? If not, continue to reach out to community members to become involved in other capacities (committees, volunteering, etc.).

B. Budget

- a. Discussed by-laws and getting copies to all new board members and attendees.
- b. The budget was reviewed and will be voted on in November.

C. Pumpkins

- a. Brazelton's helped with etching and delivering to businesses.
- b. See additional notes above in the Treasurer's Report for pumpkin details.
- c. We took 20 pumpkins to Uptown Garage - we need to follow up with their business on their monetary donation for the pumpkins.
- d. Miniature pumpkins and gourds were a huge hit at Pumpkins & Pints.

D. November 2nd - Honor Our Veterans & Heritage Corner

- a. The dedication ceremony will be at 1PM at Heritage Corner.
 - i. Families: Ballard, Doubleday, Huber, Logan, Thorson, Battani, Kochheiser Adamson, Ballard, Neveln
 - ii. A message was sent to each of these families to determine the number of attendees.
 - iii. ACSD Communications Department will take pictures of Heritage Corner on 10/29. Ankeny Living Magazine will also write a feature. We need to share any pictures that are taken with both Ankeny Living Magazine and the school district.
 - iv. Discussed who will be here to volunteer during the event - Rose, Janet, Lois, Bob, Rob, JoAnn, Carmine, John
 - v. Refreshments: Desserts (Cider, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade)
 1. JoAnn - Almond Bars, Chocolate Chip Bars
 2. Lois - Pumpkin Bars
 3. Janet - Cookies
 4. Joan - Brownies
- b. Bob shared the message that will be shared with families during the dedication ceremony. The message will be shared with attendees, words from each family are welcomed, and refreshments will be served afterwards in the AAHS basement.
- c. Discussed structure of the event. Lois will kick off the event and introduce speakers.
 - i. Speakers: Liz Ernst's mom, Larry (Camp Dodge), Mike Mortenson (VA Benefits)

- ii. Discussed attendance and desire for additional veterans to attend the event.

E. Champagne & Mistletoe (Friday, November 14th, 5-8PM)

- a. We will have the barn and house open for this event.
- b. Asa and Lois will have cookies available at the event.
- c. Additional volunteers: Tierra, Janet, and Addy.
- d. No longer decorating on November 6th. This has already been completed.
- e. Discussed having beverages available for attendees. We don't want beverages or food inside of the museum. Attendees will have opportunities to get food and drink at other locations in Uptown.

F. Santa's Holiday Bake Shop (Sunday, December 7th, 2-4PM)

- a. Madison shared the update advertisement. The new location and structure were discussed. A small group meeting will take place to plan details of the event.
- b. Information regarding the event should be shared with ACSD Communications.
- c. Finalize the flyer and begin advertising/distributing.

G. Foundation

- a. Rob Logan, John Wolff and Lois O'Donnell reviewed the 3rd Quarter. Rob reported that the money is doing what we want it to do, monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Old Business:

A. Committee Reports

- a. Rosemary Hutton Taylor reported that the Collection Committee was done for 2025 and will reconvene in February of 2026. Intern Liz Ernest has been working on the school area and decorating for Christmas. Intern Nicholas Taylor has been entering data of artifact location and photos on Past Perfect. The Ankeny Boy Scouts will be doing a display about scouting in 2026. Three bookcases were donated for the school area. Two by the Ankeny High School Class of 1972 and one by alumni Jim and Sue Davidson. The yearbooks have been moved from the library to these bookcases in the school area. TNT will be putting up the Christmas lights. Stephanie will contact the John Deere guys in November about yard work.
- b. Membership Committee plans to meet soon. Andy Logan can meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

B. District Plaque

- a. Late fall or spring for the plaque to be installed. Still looking for the location to put it. The Lamberti Family plaque is not ready. Joe Pitts will contact Whittenbeck about when they plan to have it done.

C. Future Project

- a. It was asked if there is any priority of what projects should be done and when. Carmine Boal and Rob Logan will check into the Faith Baptist College Display.

End Time: The meeting ended at 8:07PM.

Motion to adjourn by Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Second: Andy Logan. Approved.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 6:30PM.

Madison Fontana Zirretta & Rosemary Hutton Taylor