

MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 24, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Attending: Terry & JoAnn Adamson, Sandy McClure, Sue Hutton Davidson, Jim Nervig, Joe Pitts, LeRoy & Edie Cornwell, Lois O'Donnell, Janet Willey, Alexa Middleton, Luke Moore, Linda Schlenker, Lyn Van DePol, John & Joan Jensen, Norm McCleary, Asa Hutton, Bob Fontana, Carmine Boal, Elaine & Jim Brazelton and JoEllen Nervig.

Co-President JoAnn Adamson brought the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 26th, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Carmine Boal and 2nd by Joe Pitts to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Nervig presented the treasurer's monthly report (September 20 thru October 19, 2023), along with Balance Sheet (ending October 19, 2023) and the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement (January 1 – October 19, 2023). See attached sheets. Motion made by John Jensen, 2nd by Joan Jensen to approve the report. Motion carried.

Office Manager's Report: Sandy McClure presented the Office Manager Report.

- 4H Leader Tessa Fjelland will be bringing a group on Monday, November 20th at 6pm to see the barn museum. Rose Taylor and Asa Hutton will be the tour guides.
- Crystal Fuller Holscher has requested a tour for her 1st thru 3rd grade Girl Scout troop on Monday, November 13th from 3:15 – 4:45pm. Joe Pitts and Lois O'Donnell agreed to help.
- JoAnn Adamson shared information regarding her outreach in getting new membership for AAHS. There were seven new memberships this month.

New Business:

- A. Carmine Boal presented the Nominating Committee Report. Officers for 2024 will remain the same: Co-Presidents JoAnn Adamson & Lois O'Donnell, Vice President Carmine Boal, Secretary Rose Taylor and Treasurer Jim Nervig. Current board members who will no longer be serving next year are Elaine Brazelton, Billie Broich, JoEllen Nervig and Jeanne Uhl. The new board member recommendations were Asa Hutton, Norm McCleary and Janet Wilkinson Willey. One more recommendation will be sought by the nominating committee, with voting to occur at the next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. JoAnn thanked Jim & Elaine Brazelton and Gary & JoEllen Nervig for all of their hard work while serving on the board. The pumpkin project would not have happened without them, the Jensen's, Linda Schlenker, and all the others who helped.
- B. JoAnn said that the Membership Committee has not met again this year. She asked Bob Fontana if he would consider chairing and reactivating this committee. Bob said yes, but that he would be unable to during November thru March as it conflicts with his coaching schedule. Asa Hutton and Janet Willey said they would help Bob, along with Lois being a back-up if needed.
- C. JoAnn stated that Rosemary has requested \$2700 for the 2024 Collection & Display Budget. JoAnn and JoEllen discussed an increase needed for landscaping. It was suggested that landscaping and mowing budget be combined and have a budget amount of \$800 for 2024. The 2024 Budget will be voted on at a future meeting.
- D. Bob Fontana announced that Dave Kissinger is looking for our support to accomplish a project surrounding the preservation of Ankeny Community Schools sports program trophies and awards.

Many historical trophies are being disposed of and it is Dave's wish to refurbish and display as many as possible with the help of many Ankeny students and organizations. This would most likely be a 2-year project.

- E. Elaine and JoEllen discussed the 2023 Christmas Cookie Sale. Tickets will be sold online starting November 1st and AAHS members will also sell tickets. The event will be held on Saturday, December 9th. JoEllen told the board that her and Elaine will not be chairing the cookie sale event next year and asked that volunteers be sought to replace them. Lois asked anyone who is willing to help decorate the house for the holidays to please let us know, as it is usually festive during the cookie sale day.
- F. AAHS will be hosting the Central Iowa Museum leaders meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 4pm. Lois invited anyone interested to attend. The meeting will be held in the house basement.
- G. JoAnn inquired if anyone would be able to refinish two benches that are in the barn. Joe Pitts agreed to look into and get it done during the winter.
- H. As requested by JoAnn, everyone in attendance noted on paper if they currently have any house or barn keys. The previous list was dated 2002. Sandy will create a new inventory and keep in office files. JoEllen spoke about the outside donation box cash theft and the break-in attempt in the windows adjacent to the house basement stairwell windows. There have been three calls to APD. Joe Pitts said he would fix the broken screens. JoEllen suggested that the board look into updating the security system, possibly through the use of a grant. Janet Willey noted that her husband might be willing to help. After discussion, it was decided that more research was needed and that the issue will definitely be looked into.
- I. Kate Moore emailed AAHS and to see if there might be anything at the museum that her boys could do as an Eagle Scout project. JoEllen will contact Kate and see what the rules and time frame would be. Lois asked everyone to let her know of any ideas.

Old Business:

- A. Pumpkins – Elaine reported that 2,169 pumpkins have been brought from the field to be sold. Grand total in proceeds was \$10,689.28 with two more deposits to be made. A new planting field will be needed next year.
- B. Foundation Progress – donation money has not been invested yet. Once committee meets again they will present ideas to the officers and board.
- C. Ankeny's Sesquicentennial (2025) Progress was given by JoAnn Adamson. The one-day Saturday event will be held in conjunction with the 2025 Summerfest. A chicken barbeque, catered by Hy-Vee, museum open house and parade. Joan Jensen asked if we would consider having a float in the parade. A committee will be needed in the future to research the history of the Uptown Businesses. Displays will be made for public viewing during the Sesquicentennial event.
- D. Video and/or volunteer training – Lois plans to set-up a weekend formal training for tour guides and new board members soon.
- E. Elaine shared that \$461 was made selling pumpkins at the Uptown Harvest Market. Alexa Middleton said that the Uptown Trunk-or-Treat, which AAHS participated in, had 5000 in attendance. JoEllen suggested that AAHS get set-up to use Venmo for purchasers. Sandy will research.
- F. Lois has a call in to the window film contractor for a new estimate. The window film, to be installed in barn windows, will cut 60-80% of sun rays.

Future, Long-term Projects: (To be discussed at January 24, 2024 meeting)

- A. Uptown Main Street America effort (historical data, stuff) & bike trail enhancements (historical stuff??)

- B. Partnering with “The District” officials for signage honoring former land owners – this is a project that John Stratton is pursuing.
- C. Partnering for events: Bingo night at the Legion Hall, Ankeny Trivia night, park picnic, food trucks, etc.

Motion to adjourn by Asa Hutton, 2nd by Bob Fontana. Motion passed.

Sandra McClure (in Secretary Rosemary Hutton Taylor’s absence)