

.Ankeny Area Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2022

Attending: John Stratton, Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Lois O'Donnell, Jim Nervig, Sandy McClure, JoAnn Adamson & Terry, Joe Pitts, Jo Ellen Nervig, Elaine Brazelton, Karla Kasper, Jeanne Uhl, Billie Broich, Dennis Adamson, Rob Logan and Bob Fontana.

President John Stratton called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 23, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Joe Pitts and 2nd by Karla Kasper to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's monthly report (August 23 – September 26, 2022), Balance sheet ending September 26, 2022, and the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement (January 1 – September 26, 2022) was reviewed. Motioned by JoEllen Nervig, 2nd by Dennis Adamson to approve report. Motion carried. Budget requests for 2023 to Sandy before the October meeting.

Office Manager's Report: Reviewed by Sandy McClure

- Communications:
 - Volunteer for this Sunday's open house (October 2, 2 – 4 p.m.) needed.
 - The Fall/Winter newsletter will be combined issue to go out the 1st of December. Please submit articles to Sandy by mid to late October.
 - T-shirts have arrived and are in the house kitchen. Price is \$20.00.
 - Re/Max Realty is purchasing 20 "Image of Ankeny" books to use for customers. A membership form has been included with each book.
 - Review of committee members sign-up sheet.
- Membership Activity:
 - Individual and Family: 31 individual and family memberships were renewed this month.
 - Businesses: 18 business memberships were renewed.
 - Donations: A total of \$1,650 were received, which includes a \$1,000 donation gift from Marilyn Dennler, \$450 from Lee and Cindy Lundstrom and \$475 in memory of Bonnie Ballard.

Grants/Fundraising:

- Lois O'Donnell reported that 2023 Bravo Grant has been submitted. She is hoping we will receive \$5,000 - \$10,000.
- The office ceiling is to be repaired in October. Polk County Community Betterment Grant money is paying for this.
- By Laws were updated. Dennis Adamson will attach a shout-out for approval or disapproval. An amendment to return to general membership to attending monthly meetings in Article 2, Section 1 & 2. Motion by Elaine Brazelton and 2nd by JoEllen Nervig.
- Sandy will be meeting with Jordan House in West Des Moines to go over the use of Past Perfect for membership.
- Update on Pumpkins was given by Elaine Brazelton and JoEllen Nervig. 277 Pumpkins sold and \$912.36 deposited.

- Billie Broich recommended that we have Sandra Keesler speak about one room school house. Sandra is an author & curator of Iowa Rural Schools Museum of Odebolt. It was agreed to have her come and speak before the November 6 open house at 1:00 p.m. in the basement of the barn.
- Autumn Activities: The society will participate in Uptown's Pints and Pumpkins on October 8. Elaine and Jim Brazelton, JoEllen Nervig and Rosemary Hutton Taylor will help with the event. We will also participate in Trunk or Treat on October 20 from 5 – 8 p.m.

Opportunities:

- The Central Iowa Historical Group will be meeting at the Urbandale Historical Society on September 29.

Projects:

- Joe Pitts will get the pad ready for the bench out front. The school will work with us on getting cement for it. The bench is in Memory of Ron Fontana and Ed Neveln.
- Ceiling light in house basement needs fixed.
- Barn Sump Pumps are in need of repair. Sandy will contact Todd Schlenker to install new ones.
- Front signs look great. Thanks Joe.
- Review of Project Spreadsheet was reviewed.

Board Member Elections in the fall (2022)

- Candidates for Election of Officers and Board Members will be: Co-President Lois O'Donnell and JoAnn Adamson, Vice-President Carmine Boal, Secretary Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Treasurer Jim Nervig. Board members Billie Broich, Rob Logan and Bob Fontana. JoEllen Nervig will finish out Karla Kasper position.

Programs/Tours:

- East 2nd grade will be touring September 29 at 10:00 a.m.
- Rosemary Hutton Taylor proposed displays and programs for 2023. See attached sheet.

Unfinished Business:

- 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 Terry Adamson. Motion passed. Next board meeting is Tuesday, October 25, 2022 @ 5:30.

Rosemary Hutton Taylor

Tentative Programs and New Displays for 2023

January, February & March – Ankeny Inc. 1903

- Programs:
 - January - Invite Mayor to come give a Condition of the City - City plans, etc. (when 1st Street will be completed?)
 - February 5, 1 p.m. (before open house) – Jeff Stein – Iowa Almanac Program
- Displays: Articles on posters board displaying Ankeny in 1903, Election of Mayor and Council, Article of Incorporation, etc.
- Ankeny Bingo, Ankeny Trivia – Prizes
- Cost: \$600.

April & May – Wedding Dresses (though will be kept on display for rest of the year)

- Display: Wedding Dresses from different time periods.
 - Bedroom – Bride getting ready
 - Sewing room – making of bride’s dress
 - Toy Room – Bride dolls
 - Parlor – Couple getting married
 - Dining Room – Bridal reception
- Possible fund-raiser: 1950’s Bridal Shower
- Cost - \$350.

June – Iowa Museum Week (2nd week in June)

- Program: Night at the Museum in Barn with house open for touring, too.
 - Show the movie “Night at the Museum” on Uptown’s big screen
- Cost: \$350

July – 27th of July, 1953 – End of Korean War

- Program – Mike Vogt – “Korean Flying Aces”
 - Have a reception for vets
- Display – Update Military display
- Cost: \$200

September & October – Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins

- Program: What you can do with a pumpkin – decorate, food, etc. Different foods made with pumpkin.
 - Pumpkins & Pints with Uptown
- Cost: \$150

November – Champagne & Mistletoe (1st Friday ?)

- Program: Norm Huitt from Urbandale Historical Society – Do a program on his “Night Before Christmas” book collections.
 - Have wagon turn around in parking lot.
- Goodies: Mock Champagne, snacks
- Display: Have house & barn decorated inside and out
 - Each room with a different themed tree.

- Bedroom – Bridal
 - Parlor – Traditional
 - Kitchen – Utensils
 - Sewingroom – Notions
 - Toyroom – Decorate doll house with Christmas Décor
 - Library – Christmas Books
 - Ordnance/Military – Red, White & Blue
 - School – Books, pencils, rulers, etc.
 - Country Parlor – Old Fashion décor
 - Store – garland, what might have been sold
 - Mining - ?
 - Farm – Santa or wait until Cookie Walk
- Cost: \$400.

December – Santa visit the barn

- Santa
- Hand outs for kids
- Cost: \$150

TOTAL: \$2,200 – HOPEFULLY CAN BE FUNDED BY GRANT MONEY