

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 26, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Attending: John Stratton, Lois O'Donnell, Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Jim Nervig, Karla Kasper, Lyn Van De Pol, Chris Schumacher, John Brown, Joe Pitts, Jo Ellen Nervig, Elaine Brazelton, Jim Brazelton, and Will Moore.

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

Minutes: Minutes from the March 22, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Karla Kasper and 2nd by JoEllen Nervig to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Jim Nervig reviewing April monthly report (March 21, 2022 – April 25, 2022), Balance sheet ending April 25, 2022, and the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement (January 1 – April 25, 2022). Motioned by Chris Schumacher and 2nd by Jeanne Uhl to approve report. Motion carried.

New member John Brown was introduced.

Office Manager's Report:

- Lois O'Donnell will be managing the office until a new office manager can be hired.
- Rosemary Hutton Taylor spoke with the Ankeny Lions.
- On April 11, several members visited Centennial High School about going up in Ankeny. JoAnn Adamson reviewed the visit and Dennis Adamson reported that he got good feedback from the students about the visit.
- On May 19, JoAnn Adamson will conduct a tour for Deb McCleary & friends. She will also do a tour on August 6 for the Dutcher family.
- Central Iowa Museum Group will meet at Johnston's Museum on May 26 at 4:00 pm. There will also be a tour of the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge.
- A review of membership activities:
 - 15 members renewed their memberships since 3/22, Three donated extra to total \$700, renewals will be sent to the May "renewals" this week. Four businesses have renewed since 3/22, 3 new companies have joined with two sending and extra \$200, business membership team is doing a good job in reminding the late payers.
 - Memorials: 32 memorials totaling \$4290 have come in this year. We received \$2500 from the Ron Fontana family. The Fontana family is looking at purchasing a bench in Ron's memory with the money donated.
 - Donations: Fourteen donations totaling \$3825 has been donated this year. Noel Liechty donated \$2000 of that. The Spring Luncheon committee donated \$200 in-kind and the lunched profited \$490. The Kenneth Springer Family donated \$5000. Discussion was held whether to put this in a special fund. Joe Pitts asked about money from his brother's Larry's memorial. He said he will visit with his family about it.

Grants/Fundraising: Lois O'Donnell

- John Deere will give us \$900 to be used for portable signs that can be used at the Farmer's Market and other places.

New Business:

- One applicate for Office Manager and it looks very encourage.

- JoAnn Adamson reported that the membership committee sent info out to new people and cold calls on businesses.
- Discussion was held on changing open houses to Saturday mornings from 10 am to noon same dates as Farmer's Market. It was agreed to try this in June and see how it goes. There will be no Sunday open houses in June.
- Updated Bylaw's will be available for membership to vote electronically to approve or disapprove.
- Dennis Adamson will be visiting with Metro Net about phones and internet service. He was reminded that we have four phone lines.

Opportunities:

- No update on Summer Camp with Tara Tyler Gentile
- Evan Albaugh: summer internship through Grinnell College with money from the college. John Stratton asked the group to make a list of items Evan could help us with.

Projects:

- Lois updated on the project list.
- John is working on signage for benefactor recognition plaques and will get with Tom Jones.
- Dennis Adamson reported that a need for more headphones and longer cords for the TVs.

Board Member Elections in the Fall (2022): John Stratton reminded us to look for people who would want to be on the board.

Programs/Tour:

- April Luncheon: Rosemary Hutton Taylor reported that all the tickets were sold. The luncheon profit was \$490 plus \$200 in-kind donation from luncheon committee. The proceeds from the luncheon will go to the Bridal display next year and/or recovering a baby buggy.
- Ice Cream Social: will be held June 26, the last Sunday in June from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. JoAnn Adamson and Karla Kasper are co-chairs. Lois O'Donnell asking for ideas for entertainment.
- May 8th Grade Tour will not be happening this year.
- Outdoor seasonal decorations were discussed. Red/white/blue bunting will be hung up for the summer season.
- Tour Protocols: We will align with Ankeny Schools' Policies and Procedures.

Unfinished Business:

- Looking for help to produce the May newsletter.
- John Stratton said he will follow up with AAHS Newspaper Flyer.
- Joe Pitts will work on the sign out front and striping of white lines in the parking lot.
- On May 6, seniors from Centennial will be here to help from 9 to noon. JoAnn Adamson has suggested the students help with yardwork, wash windows and sweeping. Dennis Adamson will put out a shout out to members to help with supervising the students.

Future long-term items to consider:

- Ankeny will celebrate 120 years of incorporation next year.
- Reminder that Ankeny's Sesquicentennial is in 2025. Contact with the Chamber to do a partnership.
- Partnering with "The District" officials about signage honoring former land owners of the DMOP, ISU Research Farm, now Prairie Trail/District area.
- Ideas for future Events/fundraising: Bingo night at Legion Hall, All Ankeny Trivia Night, Homecoming Barbeque/Wagner Park Picnic.

Motion to adjourn by Terry Adamson, 2nd by Joe Pitts. Motion passed. Next board meeting is Tuesday, May 24, 2022 @ 5:30.

Rosemary Hutton Taylor