

Ankeny Area Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2022

Attending: John Stratton, Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Lois O'Donnell, Jim Nervig, Sandy McClure, Terry and JoAnn Adamson, Joe Pitts, Jo Ellen Nervig, Elaine Brazelton, Chris Schumacher, Dennis Adamson, Jason Duke, Will Moore, Aidan Passick, Rob Logan, Bob Fontana and Tom Jones.

President John Stratton called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 27, 2022 meeting were reviewed, with the correction of spelling Billie Broich's last name and the correction in the Pumpkin Update to be JoEllen not JoAnn. Motion by JoEllen Nervig and 2nd by Dennis Adamson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's monthly report (September 26, 2022 – October 22, 2022), Balance sheet ending October 21, 2022, with the correction under Liabilities & Equity to change Reserved for Polk County Betterment Grant to the amount of \$4,500, and the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement (January 1 – October 22, 2022) was reviewed. Motioned by Elaine Brazelton, 2nd by Chris Schumacher to approve report. Motion carried.

Office Manager's Report: Reviewed by Sandy McClure

- Communications:
 - The Fall/Winter newsletter articles are due by this Friday.
 - Sandy is working with JoEllen and Elaine on the Cookie sale, December 10.
 - Pumpkin sales, including business donations, total \$7,621.51 so far, JoEllen will have a couple more deposits.
 - Memorials: \$100 was received for Bonnie Ballard memorial.
 - Donations: A total of \$625 was received from Susan Ballard Avey, Jim and Elaine Brazelton and Suzan Rasmussen.
 - Merchandise sales: One t-shirt (\$20) and Five "Images of Ankeny Books (\$110). JoAnn Adamson suggested that the books make great gifts like weddings and this could be put on the website.
- Membership Activity:
 - Individual and Family: 8 individual and family memberships were received, of which one was new.
 - Businesses: 10 business memberships were received, of which 3 were new: Ambrosia Donuts, Cazador's and Signcraft.

Grants/Fundraising:

- Lois O'Donnell reported that we are waiting to hear on the 2023 Bravo Grant.
- Rosemary Taylor, Lois O'Donnell and Sandy McClure are working on a brochure like Urbandale's to handout to business when they visit for membership.

New Business:

- John Stratton reviewed the budget for 2023. It will be voted on at the November meeting.
- By Laws: Motion by Chris Schumacher and second by JoEllen Nervig to approve the By Laws as changed.

- Update on Pumpkins was given by Elaine Brazelton and JoAnn Nervig. 1,656 Pumpkins sold as of 3 p.m. today. Almost \$9,000 will be made this year. Big thank you again this year to John and Joanie Jensen for the seeds, planting and all the work they do to make this fundraiser happen.

Nominations for 2023 Officers and Board members: To be voted on at the November 22, 2022 meeting

- Board members: Billie Broich, Bob Fontana, Rob Logan
- Co-President: Lois O'Donnell and JoAnn Adamson
- Vice-President: Carmine Boal
- Secretary: Rosemary Hutton Taylor
- Treasurer: Jim Nervig

Opportunities:

- Central Iowa Historical Group meeting in September at Urbandale was reviewed. Discussion about joining forces in 2026 for US Celebration of 250 years. The next meeting being in January.
- Truck or Treat – We had a nice group of volunteers. Guest there were at least 2,000 kids that participated.
- Santa will be coming back to the barn with his Elf on December 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Uptown Train will also be here to give rides.

Projects:

- Ron Fontana bench – concrete will be poured from leftover concrete from a school project.
- The Project Spreadsheet was reviewed.

Programs/Tours:

- Discussion of next year program/tour events. John Stratton will contact the school again about 8th grade tours.
- December Cookie Walk – JoEllen and Elaine reported things are coming along great.
- Sunday Open Houses: November 6 will be last one of this year.
- Program on “One House Schools” will be on Sunday, November 6 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Public Relations:

- Winter Newsletter is due now.

Unfinished Business:

- The Ankeny Service Club display will be replaced with a display about Ankeny celebrating 120 years of incorporation next year in the basement of the house. Rosemary Hutton Taylor is working on this if anyone would like to help it.

Future long-term items to consider:

- 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

Motion to adjourn by Terry Adamson, 2nd by Joe Pitts. Motion passed. Next board meeting is Tuesday, November 22, 2022 @ 5:30.

Rosemary Hutton Taylor