

HAHS September 2022 minutes

attendees: Ron Shank, Judy Witheft, Carol Desch, Monica Ruder, Mary Kirstein, Betty Plante, Janet Boyer, Bob Voss, Jane Schwark, Myrna Masching, Wendy Skarstad

President Carol Desch called meeting to order at 6:30pm

MINUTES: Mary recorded and Bob posted online and approved at meeting. Wendy motion, Janet 2nd

TREASURER REPORT: Myrna handed out a copy of budget and expenses for August (see enclosure) Myrna mentioned she will be discussing with Nicor about our two accounts and the difference between Community Level 1 and 4. We will get update on her progress.

- OLD BUSINESS
- Labor Day - Jane was unable to attend because of illness . Judy reported that the Ice cream truck left early, around noon so we were not able to provide what had been advertised. It is believed there was a big communication gap between the owners/partners of the truck. Jane shared information about next year after talking with Vendors at another event in Peotone. Perhaps we could consider having in “old time vendors” ie. Broom makers, shoe makers, leather workers etc Also maybe consider Civil War actors, we are aware that there could be a fee for any of the above mentioned. Food for thought. Also decided to not have anyone speak at stage on Labor Day due to lack of interest at this time.
- Plow Down Day – Rodney Schwark hosts at his farm and the bake sale auction that HAHS does seemed to be a success bringing in about \$605.
- Office update- note cards and thank you cards have been created by Kelly & her mom Judy. Also memorial cards are in the works.
- Bob gave a report on the Grant money (up to \$25,000, of which we would contribute 10%) that will be available to the museum on Main street. His research on updates included an Awning, front door, sign in the window as well as one painted outside on the South side. Monica made motion, Wendy 2nd that we go with Bob’s suggestions. Motion passed. The board thanked Bob for his efforts in this area as well as members who have been so faithful in keeping the HAHS engines running. There are actually 5 sites they are responsible for which includes 2 plazas. There is a desire and necessity to bring in additional members to assist in keeping the historic areas going. Herscher Area Historical Society, after over 20 years, has made a strong presence in the community.
- Anderson House & Annex – freshly painted wicker porch furniture and cushions and wooden benches will be put into storage for the winter. The Annex will remove a chicken crate. Dennis having a historic fire hydrant sandblasted and painted from Lowe family.
- Plaza – has new mums and still checking on new engravers.
- NEW BUSINESS
- Judy presented idea of Kelly’s about a possible “Herscher Love Stories” in February that members and area families have their mother/grandmother/great grandmother’s wedding gown or dress o share for a fashion show while a story of the couple is being read. Maybe serve cake wine. Also have pictures of the couples wherever possible. \$10 a ticket or \$5 if a member.
- Christmas Treasure and Decorations event will be Nov 12th & 13th. Suggested to include a bake sale at this event.
- Additional thought: snow removal discussed for both museums, school desk donation from Sueann O’Connor that could be placed in the Irwin room. Larry Lochner and son Jacob have volunteered to help as needed. Carol already has ideas for their help.
- MEETING ADJOURNED 1st motion Bob, 2nd Janet
- Next meeting October 34th, 2022 at 6:30
- minutes submitted secretary by Mary Kirstein