

## HAHS MINUTES

February 27, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER: Carol Desch, President called meeting to order at 4:00pm

### OFFICERS FOR 2023:

President Carol announced the nominated officers to be voted on for year 2023. President, Mary Kirstein, Vice President, Bob Voss, Secretary – Cindy Witheft and co-secretary Debbie Witheft, Treasurer, Myrna Masching. All present voted to accept the Boards nomination slate as the elected officers for 2023.

MINUTES: were sent out via email – approved- motion by Wendy, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>

FINANCE: Myrna handed out updated through Jan, 2023, the General Fund breakdown for expenses and donations. (see attach) Year to date balance is \$40,214.98

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Directors, board members and other member helpers have been asked to sign up for a work project committee they would take charge of in the year.

**Membership** - Judy Witheft , Carol Desch and Pat Wagner have been working on cleaning up membership roles as well as going over files on HAHS Bi-laws. Kelly Knobloch has been reaching out and keeping members informed on website as to events presented and forthcoming by HAHS Judy Witheft is organizing hard copy files for the office which includes memberships, past events, bi-laws, as well as entering accession of donations of money and historic items in the Past Perfect museum software. Mary works in past perfect as well.

**Exhibition Planning** – Mary Kirstein has signed on the upcoming “sports display” and recruited members, Debbie Jensen and Lynn Wakey to set up the main display room on Main street. Monica has been contributing to the display as well . Mary Kirstein and Donna Masching will meet with other members to brainstorm on addition exhibitions for the year, however, we look to Board and Directors for their advice and ideas as well. The goal would be to have two different displays in the main area a year but all other areas do receive additional items to display without changing the main theme. ie The Anderson House, The Annex and additional rooms at Main street. Additional items coming in for the Military.

**Building and Grounds** -Carol Desch has signed up to be on this committee. Bob Voss is in charge of the upcoming Face Lift for the Exterior of Main Street. He will recruit helpers as needed.

Duane Wright – will be assuming the yard to include mowing, edging, spraying and trimming at Anderson House

Carol Desch has been working with the local business Noffke about snow removal and possible bushes as well. (to be decided) . Bob and Dennis have sprayed for weeds in the past at both locations so it will be decided at March meeting who wants to follow up on that project. There was also discussion to remove the leaves and necessary branches that remained during the winter. They will be taken care of in warmer part of Spring. Duane has offered to include those as well.

Once again there was mention and discussion of the roof at Main street. It has been checked by professionals before so this will be a “continue to watch” project for the time being.

Carol mentioned the drainage pipes from the next attached building on just where their roofing water needs to be directed. Presently it drains onto our property. Dennis will be consulted as well as a few others before we move ahead.

Dennis Schwark has offered to help where we need him and has been taking care of our properties from yard, to inside projects where necessary ie. like the fire code, our furnaces, winterizing the house, building and carpentry work.

Dennis will compile a folder on what HAHS “routine” tasks need to maintain our museums.

Bob Voss is taking the lead on the facelift of Main street museum and coordinating ideas with the surrounding businesses. He has been active in working with a community grant.

**Memorial and Cardiff plazas & pavers** would be listed under grounds – Judy Witheft and grandson worked at Cardiff last year, Wendy doing flowers at town Memorial plaza and Mary weeding and edging. We will check with those members to see if they want to continue or call for new volunteers. Carol Desch & Mary will visit Granite pavers and stones out of Peoria and create with the company's direction, how Pavers are to now be set up and ordered. We will be looking for a member to help in this area.

**Event Planning-** Jane Schwark has been contributing to this arena and Kelly Knobloch has been active as well recruiting help from Judy Witheft and other members as volunteers to assist in special events. The latest was the very successful Historic Bridal show held at Anderson. Janet Boyer was heading the "Growing Season" project which was a success so Directors and Board are seeking additional input from additional members as well.

**Correspondence and Publication** – Jenny Cochran types up and sets the quarterly newsletter that goes to members. Directors and board have been submitting articles for print directly to Jenny.

Pat Wagner will help with in- put on Bi-laws and membership roles.

Janet Boyer – has been writing interviews as well as recruiting folks to interview for the past years for our newsletter and has had Carol Webber and Debi Weerts to assist in writing those interviews.

Kelly Knobloch & Judy Witheft – have been putting events on our HAHS website

Wendy Skarstad – has been getting information to local paper and signs around town and re-posts information on FB. Wendy keeps us up- dated and taking the lead on best insurance policies for HAHS museums.

**Fund Raising** – Jane Schwark has been chairing the Christmas Decoration Sale held in November and to date, other than "special donations" ie. monetary gifts and or memorials, it has been the biggest undertaking for a money raiser in recent years. We begin to take in Christmas décor from folks in October, set up for the sale which falls before Thanksgiving, sell some items remaining on ebay or something similar. Jane will continue to chair this project and secure a team of volunteers ahead of this undertaking as well as schedule of working format for this occasion.

### **Wish List**

We will be up dating the "wish list" for HAHS

**Jane** presented her wish to change the look of The Annex which now looks like a garage into more of a historic appearance. She has presented a report with cost estimates for the garage "The Annex" building. Board and members voted to give Jane the "green light" to get estimates and once that in place, decide with the go ahead period and setting a time for completion. Motion for this was made to go forward – 1<sup>st</sup> motion Wendy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane... Jane also mentioned in her plan to work on landscaping around the Annex and possibility of a pathway. This proposal (or wish) will be visited again after completion of the garage.

The minutes have been a summary of a very full meeting, changing of the guard with officers and a very grateful board and members for our now past president Carol Desch (and her wonderful assistant Carl). You are officially retired Carol, however, don't go too far.

Secretary, Mary Kirstein