

Herscher Area Historical Society

May 18, 2026

Board members in attendance were:

X Carol Desch	X Karl Kruse	Jane Schwark	X Cindy Witheft
X Mary Kirstein	Myrna Mashing	X Wendy Skarstadt	X Debbie Witheft
X Kelly Knobloch	X Dennis Schwark	X Bob Voss	X Judy Witheft

President Judy Witheft called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm.

Secretary Report-

Kelly Knobloch made a motion to accept the April minutes and Carol Desch seconded the motion which passed.

Treasurer Report

Myrna Masching was not present to cover the report or answer questions.

Finance and Fundraising

Kelly Knobloch reported that the committee did not have anything new to report.

Events and Programs

4th grade class field trip to the 3 museums' will be on May 26, 2026 per Mary Kirstein. Mary stated that she had contacted volunteers to assist in all locations. The class will rotate between the 3 locations starting at 9:00 am. Jane Schwark has a program for the annex location. Mary and Jane are preparing a lunch for the volunteers.

Corn Bowl will be on July 10 and the museum downtown will be open from 4-7.

Volunteers are needed to work Carol Desch, Cindy and Debbie Witheft will cover 4-5:30 and Mary Kirstein from 5:30-7.

Buildings and Grounds

Furnace and Air conditioning- Judy reported that Joe Peterson has not started the 2nd floor yet.

Bob Voss is working on getting estimates on repairing the door to the meeting room.

Wish List- sealing the air-conditioning hole and replacing with siding.

Museums and Displays

Current display of quilts will be down by May 25 and a procedure to ensure each quilt is given back to owner is in process. The feedback on the quilt display was very favorable. Next display will be up on May 25 till September 11 and is called Herscher Area Historical Society from Parades to Picnics celebrating county west. The next display will be up from September till end of December and we need a volunteer and theme.

Old Business

We need a volunteer to take 23 boxes of abstracts to the county building and deliver to Lori Gadbois.

Cardiff Pavers will need to be cleaned up and weeds sprayed by Memorial week. We will need to place flowers and a flag in the area.

New Business

Dan Hutchinson has contacted the museum that he is coming to the area and would like to visit the museum to see what we have about the Cardiff Mine. We will put the information we have on Cardiff in the research room for him to review.

Newsletter will be mailed out by July 15 and all articles need to be submitted by June 27. Carol Weber is currently writing an article on Carol and Carl Desch.

Labor Day will need to have a plan for the weekend by end of June. We need a volunteer to be in charge of the weekend events.

Cindy Witheft presented an idea of looking at the Main Street Museum and seeing if we could move the office to the research room and making any other changes to the flow of the museum when doing the floors and painting in the entrance area.

Debbie Witheft made a motion to adjourn and Carol Desch seconded the motion which passed. Next meeting will be on June 22, 2026. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cindy Witheft

Secretary