

The Herscher Area Historical Society meeting was called to order on March 23, 2026 at 5:32pm by Judy Witheft.

Board members in attendance were:

☒ Judy Witheft ☒ Bob Voss ☐ Cindy Witheft ☒ Myrna Mashing

☒ Carol Desch ☒ Mary Kirstein ☒ Kelly Knobloch ☐ Karl Kruse

☒ Wendy Skarstad ☐ Dennis Schwark ☐ Jane Schwark ☐ Debbie Witheft

The February meeting minutes were provided by Cindy Witheft. Wendy motioned to accept the minutes, Carol 2nd the motion. Motion passed

Myrna Masching provided the treasurers report. Our current checking account balance is 25,910.21. Our current savings account balance is \$9765.18.

With no additions or corrections the report was filed for audit.

Committee reports

Finance & Fundraising

Carol motioned to increase the lifetime membership to \$250. Mary 2nd the motion. Motion passed

Events & Programs

Kelly reported on the success of the Sourdough workshop

Membership appreciation will be held on April 23rd 4-7pm. Board members are asked to attend to meet with HAHS members.

Mary talked about the 4th grade student visits. A time has not been set with the school.

Buildings & Grounds

Furnace & AC- Joe has brought in parts and will be working to complete this by our appreciation event

Bob talked about Tim Feller giving a quote on a new door in the Anderson House. We discussed replacing either the screen door or hard door. It was recommended that we look at painting the hard door for now and see what the cost will be on a storm/screen door.

Museums & Displays

Quilt Display will stay up until April 30th, there have been several extra days that we have opened to allow for groups and individuals to come in to see the special display. There has been a great response to the display. We will arrange on May 1st to have quilts picked up for those on loan.

May 2nd we will begin setting up the 2nd display with plans to have it ready by Memorial day. The theme is planned to be centered on COUNTY WEST TOWN CELEBRATIONS. This display will be up until Labor Day. If anyone has items that can be used to include in the display featuring: Corn Bowl, Labor Day, 4th Of July in Bonfield/Union Hill, or any other historical celebrations that have been held in our community - please bring these to the Main Street Museum

Acquisitions

A New form is being created that will include an indication if items donated can be sold or given away, in the event that the item is no longer needed for display at the museum

Judy is working on a system for labeling and recording where items are stored or displayed. Several times donors have come into the museum wanting to know where the item is that their family loaned or donated.

NEW BUSINESS

The \$5000 CD at SBH will be due on April 17th. An email will come with options for re-investing the CD. Please respond to the email to motion and vote.

Judy has submitted a request to the Kankakee Foundation to collect the funds that we have available from our investment there.

Herscher Corn Bowl will be held in July. Main Street Museum will be open during the celebration.

Cardiff - Myrna is working to get new lime for the area. Judy has volunteered to maintain the weeds there.

Herscher Plaza - Wendy talked about the flowers for the plaza area. A Flag is needed, Carol said she has one to use.

*Lockwood paver was placed at the Herscher Plaza but should be at Cardiff- this will need to get moved.

The Alarm at the Main Street museum was replaced. Carol called as it was not working properly. They came and serviced it, but it is still not working properly- the numbers stick.

Myrna has filed the 501 paperwork

Mary is still working with comed to fix the duplicate billing for Anderson House - 2 meters were combined over a year ago but we continue to be billed for 2 services. They indicated that we should receive a refund.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kelly. 2nd was made by Mary.
Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Respectfully Submitted by:
Kelly Knobloch