

Surface Creek Valley Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023
Stolte Shed

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry McHugh at 5:35 pm. Board members present: Jerry McHugh, Susan Albertson, Diana Clayton, and Hope Waibel. Museum Director Brooke Toothaker was also present. Katie Voss was absent. Donna Aragon came later in the meeting. There were no guests.

The agenda was approved without additions.
The minutes were approved as amended.

The Treasurer's Report was deferred pending Donna Aragon's arrival.

Rental Reports:

Brooke Toothaker outlined suggested changes to the rental rate schedule. Discussion was held. Brooke will provide a written amended rate schedule with the suggested changes for board review and an online vote. Brooke was commended for her work on the rental schedule.

Brooke also reported that some legitimate movie producers out of Los Angeles are interested in possibly filming at Pioneer Town. They would want to reserve several months, possibly November—February. They would have to reserve the entire museum. Discussion was held and Brooke was instructed to continue negotiations with the movie producers.

Brooke reported on changes to the rental contract. Discussion was held. Again, Brooke will provide the board with the amended contract for an online vote. Brooke was again commended.

Finally Brooke reported that rentals have slowed slightly. Since the last board meeting she has received three official contracts and has seven potential new clients. That is potential income of [REDACTED] with realized income of [REDACTED].

Discussion was made about the Stolte player piano location and the displays in the Stolte Shed.

Membership report:

Jerry reported membership is up five with four additional renewals and one new membership. Total membership is now 99, including lifetime members. He is expecting

one new lifetime membership, although it has not happened yet. That leaves 65 unrenewed memberships from last year.

Increase Income Report:

Jerry reported that because of sizable capital improvements, including three new roofs and improvements at the Stolte, that we need to do some serious fundraising. Grant donors usually want an organization to contribute as much as they do. To receive a [REDACTED] grant for capital improvements we would need to be able to contribute [REDACTED]. Discussion was held. PR is needed on improvements that have been made. We also need funding for the scholarship fund. It would be nice to award interns a decent scholarship for their invaluable service. It was suggested we award [REDACTED] per year of service. We could possibly combine with other organizations. Also we would write letters of recommendations. We also need a gift shop manager with retail experience to manage the gift shop. Donna suggested contacting local companies for their products

Fundraising Events Report:

Cub Reunion:

Jerry reported that the Cedaredge High School Cub Reunion picnic on the 2nd of July will be at the Stolte. On July 1st the town of Cedaredge will host a parade and activities in the town park. There would be an opportunity to sell beer during lunch on Sunday. We could also take over the beer garden in the park on Saturday. It would make more money on Saturday. If we could do both days we could reuse inventory. It was recommended someone chair this opportunity other than Cub reunion members. Since no one volunteered to take on this position the idea was dropped.

Barn Tour:

The barn tour group was not present to report. It will not be a big money raiser.

Night on the Town:

Diana and Susan will chair the Night on the Town group. Donna and Hope will help. We need to check with the Arts Center about conflicting events. Because of scheduling conflicts in the Stolte August 26 has to be the date for the event.

Capital Improvements:

The board authorized [REDACTED] to reimburse Bill Tuttle for his saw that was stolen while work was being done on the Stolte floor.

Jerry reported that we need to purchase a new gas range for the Stolte because the old range leaks natural gas when bumped. Hope and Susan will check on ranges with the suggestion that we try Home Depot first because our tax exempt status is set up there.

The flooring completion is scheduled for the 28th and the 29th of April.

The second clear coat will be May 5th.

We have not ordered decking from Perry Reed because we do not have help for that work currently.

Luke Hamilton will be starting the roof of the Colby when materials come in.

Sunday the 16th FFA kids here to take care of landscaping.

The board approved the purchase of three tree bags to store Christmas Trees in Stolte. Diana reported on the flooring issues at the Chapel of the Cross. Dave Hanson from Cedaredge Interiors looked at the floor in the Chapel. He surmised that it won't have a warranty, and was probably installed too tightly. He would pull boards on the front and a pew, thus making a bigger hole to take care of the problem. He was also asked about pavers. He said he could scrape off the old tiles. He recommended garage floor paint. We will hopefully have a bid by the next meeting.

Museum Committee:

Brooke reported that we need to schedule a meeting. Jerry said we have a lot of work to do before the cleanup.

Veterans Monument: Cathy Mescal has publicized plans for eight more monuments. We need to have a signed lease agreement before we discuss new monuments. Jerry will let her know.

Opening Day:

The official summer opening will be the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

Farmers Market:

We do not have a manager currently and have not heard back from someone who expressed interest.

Discussion was held about what days the museum is to be open. Jerry suggested that we be open Mondays of three-day holiday weekends. Sundays we will be open 9-2 with or without the Farmers Market. We will not be open on Tuesday unless we find we have all the schedules for the other days filled. We will also be closed Mondays except for three-day holiday weekends.

For the Good of the Order:

Tuesday Guys: Doug is having some health issues. Pete may be the best backup. The secretary was instructed to get a card for Doug to express the boards' best wishes for a good recovery.

We are continuing our Region 10 alliance.

May 6 Palooza: Susan is manning the information booth. Discussion was held about a covered shelter and banner.

Cleanup day April 21. Donna will be serving barbecue beef sandwiches and requested we eat in the Stolte at 12:30. The museum will be closed.

Sunday 16th we will redistribute gravel in the parking lot.

Financials. Email Donna with questions.

Next meeting May 9.

Meeting adjourned.