

February 25, 2023

The Annual Meeting of the Surface Creek Valley Historical Society was called to order by President Jerry McHugh.

Jerry shared information about the many capital improvements that have taken place over the previous year.

Parking lot lighting has been completed; Stolte Shed restroom and kitchen flooring has been replaced; the roof of the Coalby Store has been temporarily repaired, and a contractor has been hired to replace the roof; the ramp to the Stolte Shed access ramp has been replaced with concrete and metal railing; decaying catwalks between the silos have been removed; new planks will be created and installed in the Stolte Shed over the next few days; flooring on the Stolte porch will also be replaced soon. In addition, the roofs of the Peterson Cabin and the Sand Creek School will need attention in the next year or so.

Jerry mentioned that we are committed to about ████████ in capital improvements that have been completed and are scheduled to begin. The Board will continue to seek financial assistance from available grants. However, those grantors expect to see community contributions increase as well.

Jerry reviewed the bylaws for the member meeting as they relate to the annual meeting and the election of board members. At the annual meeting of the Society, a quorum of 25% of the general membership must be present to elect new board members. 44.1% of the general membership was in attendance at this meeting, so a quorum was present.

Jerry acknowledged the contributions of the many volunteers that help keep Pioneer Town open, functioning, and tidy. He also called attention to the new museum manager, Brooke Toothaker, and her hard work on exhibits, rental contracts, and general management. Rental income has increased as a result of her effort. Jerry also focused attention on Tyler Curtis. He has done much work on video presentations, point of sale setup, and other technological issues.

Jerry introduced each current board member and acknowledge each person's role on the board.

Two positions on the Board are open for the next three years. Jerry stated that he would accept another term, and the position held by Sheri McFadden is open. Jerry called for nominations from the floor. Jerry McHugh was nominated for a second term. It was seconded. Jerry nominated Andrea Klouser. The nomination was seconded. Both members accepted the nominations and were elected unanimously.

Announcements: The Montrose Harp Ensemble will present an Irish Concert on March 17 in the Stolte Shed at 4:00 P.M.

Cedaredge Cubs reunion will take place at Pioneer Town in July.

Buried History will be held at the Eckert Cemetery this fall.

In July, the Society will be partnering with the Grand Mesa Arts Council for the student play. It will address history in the Surface Creek Valley.

Starry Nights will be held in August on Grand Mesa.

Also, the Car Show will take place in October.

Sheri took a moment to encourage volunteerism. Jerry added some information about the Tuesday group that provides so much maintenance support to Pioneer Town. Volunteers are critical to the success of Pioneer Town.

Jerry introduced Bob Silbernagel, the guest speaker for the evening. He spoke about the history of Grand Mesa.

The meeting was adjourned.