

Surface Creek Valley Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting
May 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:46. Jerry McHugh, Donna Aragon, Susan Alberson, and Hope Waibel were present. Museum Director Brooke Toothaker was also present. Diana Clayton arrived at 5:50. Katie Voss and Andrea Clouser were absent. No guests were present.

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

There were no questions about the Treasurer's Report. We have a Certificate of Deposit maturing. It was decided to leave it at The Bank of Colorado. The bookkeeper is suggesting that we switch our bookkeeping software from Quickbooks to Square. The cost would be \$30 less a month. It was moved and seconded that we accept Square instead of Quickbooks for payroll.

The rental report was presented by Brooke Toothaker. We need to launch the wedding rental video on YouTube.

The new rental pricing and new contract information was presented by Brooke Toothaker. In most rental areas alcohol is allowed. Discussion was held about inclement weather accommodations. For outdoor weddings the chapel is a backup. We can not guarantee other accommodations for outdoor events because of the weather. For a cancellation of an outdoor event because of weather, a partial refund of the damage deposit will be made. For outdoor events the boardwalk bathrooms will be used. If additional bathrooms are needed the renter will be responsible for them. Only Historical buildings will not be opened for Boardwalk rentals, including the Coalby Store and the States Museum. Bundle rates include: The Classic—the Chapel and the Stolte Shed, The Outdoor—the Arboretum and the Pergola, The Museum—Chapel, Boardwalk, for a three-hour limit. Brooke was commended for her work. The rental rates were moved, seconded, and approved. After further clarification the rental contract was approved with the suggested edits.

Jerry reported on membership. Three memberships were added this month, including one life-time membership.

Painting of the Stolte Shed is scheduled for June 16, 17, and 18, if needed. After some discussion it was decided that we would look for a satin finish warm white.

Capital improvement updates were given by Jerry. The new range will be here Thursday, May 11. The roof is completed on the Coalby Store. Bids will be obtained for the remaining three roofs, the Peterson cabin, the Schoolhouse, and Girling/Bank building.

Diana reported the Night on the Town meeting will be held soon.

Jerry reported on the Cubs Reunion. It should be a big money day for Pioneer Town. They are expecting 300 members. We need two volunteers for a membership table and admission Sunday, July 2.

We need to increase volunteerism. Susan needs help in the Welcome Center.

We don't have access to Facebook right now.

The Museum Report was given by Brooke Toothaker. The first meeting was held. We declined some donation requests, but have inquired about a 1903 manure spreader.

Jerry and Hope met with Cathy Meskel about additional monuments at the Veterans Memorial. Changes to the contract are minor. Cathy was concerned about terminations of the contract as the board changes. Her concerns will be mitigated. Hope and Jerry shared concerns about the USS Liberty memorials and its singularity instead of the general monuments, i.e. World War II. They also shared concerns about the lack of space in the existing memorial area. It was decided that we not accept the Liberty memorial because it is out of the memorial's scope.

Events at Pioneer Town:

Genealogy meeting 6:00 pm at the Stolte June 11.

Cedaredge High School students who participated in the Voice of Democracy contest will be at the Stolte June 24 at 6:00 pm.

Professor Pam Krch from Colorado Mesa University will speak about the Indian School / 7.

Good of the Order:

We have considered adding a display case in the bridal room at the Chapel. Brooke was instructed to get pricing on a case and suggest items for the case. It was suggested that the Cedaredge Masonic Lodge might have some cases that they would like to get rid of.

Diana suggested we invest in more changing tables. We currently have only one. It was moved and seconded that we purchase two fold-up changing tables. The motion passed.

The next meeting is June 13, 2023.

Brooke's office this summer is moving to the back of the schoolhouse office. The plan is to make the front of the schoolhouse a research library.