

Dodge County Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM at the Museum, Mantorville
April 15, 2010

Board Members Present: Sue Harwood, Bob Peterson, Vicki Peterson, Tom Gall, Scott French, John Kvasnicka, Dale Morris, Faye Richter, and Museum Director Cheryl Finnegan.

Board Members Absent: Ron Ballstadt resigned before meeting started.

1. **Meeting called to Order** by President Sue Harwood at 7:06pm, at the DCHS Museum.
2. **Visitors to Board** - Thelma Givan
3. **Additions and/or Amendments to Agenda**
 - 9.4. Seminary Report – Tom Gall
4. **Approve Minutes –March 18, 2010 Meeting.** John Kvasnicka made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was second by Scott French. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Treasurer’s Report** – Bob Peterson gave the Treasurer’s report. John Kvasnicka made the motion to approve the report. Dale Morris second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Museum Monthly Sales & Visitor Report** – Cheryl Finnegan reviewed the report with the board.
7. **Museum Directors Report** – Cheryl Finnegan updated the board on things at the museum and made several recommendations, replacement of museum signs, and hosting “The Story of Music, Stories from Home” put on by Lauren Pelon and Gary Holthaus of Picaresque II, a non-profit arts organization based in Red Wing. A possible date for the event of September 18, 2010 was suggested. Sue Suggested that Cheryl pick the date and report back to the board. Cheryl asked for volunteers to help with cleaning of the Little Red House. Sue Harwood recommended that because of conflict in schedules for the board members, that the board members help on one of the next three Saturdays that they have open. Cheryl also reported that Lois Jorstad donated some memorabilia from Hayfield and asked for a vote to accept them into the collection. Tom Gall made the motion. The motion was second by Scott French. The motion passed unanimously. Also Tom Gall has set up a Face Book page for the DCHS. There was some discussion about where Don can plant flower seeds that he had saved from last year.
8. **Committee Reports**
 - 8.1. Fundraising Committee – Faye Richter had nothing to report.

- 8.2. Wasioja Restoration Committee – Jan Luehmann did not attend the meeting to give her report. Sue Harwood said that she would call Jan.

9. Old Business

- 9.1. Annual Meeting – Sue Harwood reviewed what happened at the April 3, 2010 annual meeting. Since there was no quorum, a special meeting will be held on April 22, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Senior Citizen Center in Mantorville in order to approve the annual reports, vote on open board positions and the proposed bylaw change. The board members were asked to call members to attend the special meeting.
- 9.2. Front Entrance & Steps – Land & Facilities Committee met on Saturday, April 10 and discussed what needed to be done. Scott French and Dale Morris both contacted possible contractors to get estimates. Estimates are to be turned in to Cheryl Finnegan by May 15, 2010.
- 9.3. Wasioja Church Locks – Scott French and Dale Morris Changed the lock at the Wasioja Church.
- 9.4. Seminary Report – Tom Gall updated the board on the progress at the seminary park and future plans. The Friends of Wasioja have plans to replace the old monument, which is badly damaged, with a new one. Tom Gall made the motion to give the Friends of Wasioja permission to remove the old monument. Dale Morris second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. New Business

- 10.1 Mantorville Chamber of Commerce – Sue Harwood made the suggestion that it would be wise to join the Mantorville Chamber of Commerce. After some discussion, Faye Richter made the motion that the DCHS should join the Mantorville Chamber of Commerce. The Motion was Second by Tom Gall. The motion Passed unanimously.
- 10.2 Relief person for Museum Director – Sue Harwood explained the necessity of having a paid relief person to fill in for the Museum Director when she is unable to be there during museum hours. Don Dereng has been donating volunteer hours almost every day for about a year at the museum when it is open and has agreed to fill in for Cheryl Finnegan when she has to be gone. John Kvasnicka made the motion to hire Don Dereng as the relief person for Cheryl Finnegan. Vicki Peterson second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 10.3 Rummage Sale – Sue Harwood reminded the board that DCHS will be having a rummage sale on May 15th, at the log cabin in Kasson, when Kasson has its city wide rummage sale. A date will be later announced as to when people can bring their donated goods to the log cabin for the sale.
- 10.4 Tri-state Business Machines – Sue Harwood contacted the representative for the Tri-state Business Machines again, about the old copy machine that we do not use but still have been paying for. Sue finally got them to let us out of the contract a year and a half early, and

saved the historical society about one thousand dollars. Thanks to Sue Harwood and Bob Peterson for their persistence.

- 11. Adjourn** – Dale Morris made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Peterson second the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.