

Dodge County Historical Society Minutes
May 20, 2010

The May 20, 2010 meeting of the Dodge County Board of directors was called to order by Vice-president Sue Harwood at 7:02 p.m.

Board members present were Scott French, Sue Harwood, John Kvasnicka, Dale Morris, Bob Peterson and Faye Richter. Tom Gall and Stevanna Delzer arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order.

Visitors to the Board were Mary Ann Bucher and Vicki Peterson.

Amendments to the agenda were approved.

A correction to the Secretary's report was noted; 9.3 should read John K and Dale M replaced locks... John K moved to approve the minutes, Bob seconded the motion and the report was approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's report was read. John K. moved to approve, Sue seconded. Report was approved. Discussion followed regarding the Save the Water Tower funds. The accountant stated it is to our disadvantage to have these funds on our books, and Sue and Bob wanted to get rid of them. President Tom Gall said if they were designated funds, they would not be counted in our general funds and we could not legally get rid of designated funds. Mary Ann will get a copy of the agreement.

Monthly Sales and Visitor's Report was presented by Director Cheryl Finnegan. Visitors have been steady, 2 to 4 daily, and several memorial donations were received. Dona has been helpful at filling research requests, cleaning up the grounds and he recruited a volunteer to put genealogy online. Dale has been cleaning up around the Little Red House. A visitor from the Legion donated two flags. Cheryl requested doing something to brighten up the basement, and President Tom Gall asked the Land and Facilities Committee to look into it.

Dale moved to order 25 soft cover books of the 1884 History of Dodge County, Faye seconded and motion passed. Prices had been dropped to \$15.00 but after much discussion, Sue moved to sell them at \$25, Bob seconded, the motion carried.

Faye was unable to produce her list of fundraising ideas, so she passed to Sue to report on the Rummage Sale. \$411.65 was raised, cost was \$8.00 for an ad. There was a very large number of donations. The remainder was stored in the Log House. Discussion followed on when to attempt to sell again.

The Spring Tour will be held during Old Tyme Days, June 27, with a tour of the Courthouse. Volunteers will be needed to sell tickets at the museum and the Courthouse, at 1 and 3 pm. The Museum will be open that day.

Dates of the Dodge County Fair are July 14 to 18th. Rick Erpelding is putting together a display of Native plants, people and animals. Volunteers will be needed to man the cabin.

Land and Facilities noted that the date for the Grant deadline is May 28. They will try to get bids together but have not had much success in obtaining bids. Cheryl suggested we apply for a structured grant for microfiche instead, and continue to pursue the method of repairing the steps.

Cheryl stated we are paying for an alarm system we are not using. It could be rectified by turning off the motion detector. There is no alarm in the Schoolhouse, so this was also referred to the Land and Facilities Committee to follow up on. Also, the fire extinguisher was last certified in 1999, so Scott was authorized to purchase 2.

John K. moved to drop the the Wasioja Restoration Committee. Faye seconded, motion passed. A bid was received from Don Thayer for mowing in Wasioja. It was decided to continue utilizing Ryan French since we were not seeking bids at this time.

KARE has asked to take on the Kasson Water Tower funds. It will have to be discussed with Kasson City Council.

Approval was given to Cheryl to proceed with the GIVE MN, project. Regarding signage, Sue moved to approve Linda Schmidt to go ahead, Bob seconded, motion carried.

Sue recommended nominating Vicki Peterson to replace Ron Ballstadt on the Board. Sue moved to open floor to nominations. Stevanna nominated Vicki, Faye nominated Mary Ann. Faye moved to close nominations, Sue seconded, motion passed. Vote ended in deadlock, tabled to the next meeting.

Cheryl discussed the Kent Keller proposal for uses for the Mantorville school building. She will find out when his meeting is and follow through with the Land and Facilities committee.

Regarding the website, Bob expressed his feelings about the inability of the website to be corrected in a timely manner. Cheryl and Mary Ann had been working on it, and Tom will follow up with Mary Ann to get corrections made.

A motion was made by Sue, seconded by Bob, to check parliamentary procedure on whether or not a meeting is considered a meeting to be recorded with minutes when there is not a quorum, as in the case of Nov, 2009 and now for the annual meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.