

Minutes
Minnetonka Community Heritage Commission
Meeting of April 25, 2006

1. Roll Call

Commission members present: Dee Ann Bloom, Joan George, Dewey Hassig, Betty Johnson, David Olson, Joe Van Sloun.

Commission members excused: Jenna Burfeind, Fred Clark

Commission members unexcused: David Hakensen

MHS members present: Florence Bogle, John Breyfogle, Lorena Hooyman, (Van Sloun)

MHS members excused: Phyllis Mattill

MHS members absent: Charles Donley, John Evans, Bill Jepson, Dorothy Welch, Jim Whistler

Staff: Laura Ronbeck

Chair Van Sloun called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. Joint Meeting

a. Doris Rasche

Ronbeck informed the group that Doris Rasche, a former MHS board member, has passed away. The group decided that any money received for memorials by the society or commission would go toward trees at the Burwell site.

b. Ice Cream Social

Ronbeck updated the group on the social plans. She will call the city council members. Bogle is working on volunteers to do the calling.

c. Adoption of Burwell Park

George has arranged for a group of students from Minnetonka Senior High School to clean the park for their community service project. She will be at the site to supervise and give the students a tour.

The commission and society will schedule a day for the fall clean-up at the July pot luck.

d. Burwell Site

Ronbeck has made new curtains for both kitchens.

George has been helping Ronbeck coordinate the special groups wanting to tour the house. George listed the groups currently planning on special tours – Gatewood School, St. Therese School,

and a Toastmaster Group. George is also trying to contact Groveland School which had previously expressed an interest. Breyfogle said to let him know when there were special tours so the society could staff the museum.

Ronbeck is also re-doing displays in the woodshed. The focus is farms. Breyfogle felt that would fit in very well with their barn display.

Hooyman has had requests when she does tours for the Mills Walking Tour brochure. Ronbeck will have some available at the house.

e. **Accessioning Project**

Ronbeck has accessioned all of the items in the house and created an inventory notebook. She found documentation on a number of society items that had no numbers and offered to number them. Breyfogle asked that the list of society items both with and without numbers be forwarded to him. Representatives from the city and society will do an inventory in December or January. The society is also working on cataloging their items.

f. **50th Anniversary update**

Van Sloun passed around a copy of the timeline that has been created. George suggested having laminated copies made that could be rolled up and given to the area schools.

Van Sloun also mentioned the 50th Anniversary painting that had been presented to the council. Prints will be available.

Johnson said that Steve Pieh, from the Senior Center, has guided bus tours of the city planned for the seniors.

There will be a twenty - page insert in the Lakeshore Weekly News in June.

g. **July Potluck**

The date has been changed to July 10th. A sign up was sent around and Ronbeck will be contacting those not present regarding what they should bring.

h. **Other Business**

Van Sloun reminded everyone that they should feel free to work with either group dependent on their interests.

Breyfogle asked if anyone had information on the old Snuffy's and 7-Hi Drive In theatre. Ronbeck shared some memories she had. In the next factoid she will include information from the Engler oral history and ask if anyone in the community has information.

Van Sloun adjourned the joint meeting at 7:55 p.m.

3. Commission Meeting

a. Minutes of the March 20, 2006 meeting

Johnson moved, Bloom seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2006 community heritage commission meeting. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

b. Workshop

Ronbeck reminded the commission of the boards and commissions workshop scheduled for May 15. The council is strongly urging all members to attend. The workshop will be about 'Understanding Change.' Ronbeck explained that the commission would be working on a case study involving the Minnehaha Creek corridor.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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