

Sumner Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes for January 29th, 2022

The board's Zoom meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM by Kris Arnold, In attendance were: Dale Loseth, Pam Prash, Sara Lucas, Linda Sader, Carolyn Stroeve, Roger Stroeve, Amie Rang, Christopher Loseth. Ed Hannus.

Minutes of the previous meeting were still a recording, not yet transcribed. Motion to approve and second was waved.

Treasurer's report was discussed:

S. Lucas motioned to accept the Treasure's report: seconded, various, Treasurer Report approved.

Bills presented: Carolyn will be paying the Heritage League dues. \$20.00. There was also discussion on a Zoom subscription. Dale stated that he has been using the Loseth account although he stopping billing the Society last October because it is used for more than just the Society.

Curator's Report: waved.

Publicity: waved.

Board Member Nomination Committee: waved.

Membership: waved.

House/Grounds: waved.

Finance: waved.

Events: waved.

Old Business/New Business:

Kris has reviewed the insurance and feels it covers our requirements.

Discussion turned to the agreement with the city, Kris asked for agreement on her suggestion the city use the \$125,000. to update the cabin area. Dale asked where this discussion stemmed from. Kris said it from a meeting she had with the city. They told her that they hired a new city clerk with a background in historical management. She want's to meet with her and access the possibilities of her helping with our deaccession tasks. The city has a storage space we can use, she did not know where or the size.

Dale asked if there was any discussion on a Historical Museum Commission. Kris stated that the city does not want the Society to go away. They have had multiple times to just tell us to leave, but they do want us there. Dale stated that was a wonderful thing to hear, but until it is in writing, it is just a wonderful thing to hear.

Kris stated that we could possibly be back in the house (cabin area) before 2024. We could possibly support Rhubarb Days and Street of treats. However there is nothing definite.

Discussion then focused on the MOU. Dale stated that even if we don't sign it, the city will still follow their own plan. Linda stated that the MOU was very ridged. Very legalistic. She feels that we are stuck with no good choices. Amie stated that the tone of the MOU agreement is not friendly to the society.

Discussion followed on a process for deaccessioning items, give back to the donor, sell, store, donate.

Kris heard talk about the society dumping items. The only thing she knows that was dumped were the 2016 K-cup coffee pods.

We discussed a walk through to identify items. Kris said she would be part of that. Dale stated that we had already started a process for that.

Dale asked if we could stop talking and take a vote on the MOU.

After discussion, no one would make a motion to sigh the MOU. Dale abstained. Kris asked if, without a motion, there was anyone opposed to the agreement. All were noncommittal.

Kris then reviewed the timing of the city presentations to council and asked if we should meet after that. It was decided to meet, Wednesday, February 2nd at 2:30 pm so the members that work during the day could attend.

Discussion turned to membership renewals and offering members the option to to put a membership

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on hold until we are back in the house.

Dale announced that the downtown association has a new Executive Director. Matt Loeb.

Dale read an analysis (attached) of our officer elections in the last two years. It showed that we did not elect officers in 2021 so the terms for President, Vice President and Secretary expired in May 2021. Treasurer is ok as we did appoint Carolyn to that position in November.

It was asked if we could vote at this meeting to take care of this situation.

Dale stated that an actual election needed to be held as the Secretary position would be open because he is putting his name in for President. people needed time to think about that. Linda suggested using the February 2nd meeting for that purpose. Anyone that wants to run for the Secretary position would make their thoughts known at or before that meeting.

Kris asked for other comments and called for a motion for adjournment. Linda made the motion, seconded.

There was no other old or new business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 am

Dale Loseth, Secretary/Publicist, Sumner Historical Society, Sumner Ryan House Museum

Section III

5. The Board of Directors will meet within two weeks after the annual meeting to elect the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and one or two Secretaries (for example, Corresponding and Recording), and may appoint a Curator for the museum and establish the duties and responsibilities of the office. The President shall appoint committees as needed.

2020

No meetings in March, April, May, June, Covid related

July 11 Agenda, Apoint Board Members to finish remaining term, election of Officers

July 11 Meeting: **Elections:** It was noted that because of the C-19 shutdown, the March, April election process did not happen and two Board positions became vacant. Dale researched the bylaws and they state that "*Any vacancies that may occur on the Board by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise may be filled by the remaining members of the Board for the unexpired term.*".

Kris asked for a motion and Dale moved that Vicki Connor be appointed to fill out the remainder of Position 1, her old position and Roger Stroeve fill out the remainder of position 2, his old position. M. Lindburg, seconded, Motion approved.

Dale made a motion that all current officers retain their positions for the remainder of the current yearly term. Multiple seconds. Motion approved.

2021 April 24th Agenda Board Members election

2021 April 24th minutes (general meeting/board meeting combined)

: **Elections:** The ballots for the four positions were reviewed and it was unanimous that the following Board members would continue on: position 5, Marcha Lindberg, position 6, Dale Loseth, position 7, Ed Hannus and position 8, Michelle Champlin.

There was no election of officers.