

Minutes of the Knox County Historical Society
Tuesday, March 19, 2024

The Knox County Historical Society met at 6:00 p.m. at Lucky's Café in Edina. The meeting was called to order by Brent Karhoff, President.

Copies of the October 17, 2023 minutes were available for review. Motion was made by John Webb and seconded by Pam Witherow to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Janice McGinnis, Treasurer, gave her report to the membership including the expenses and donations received. Motion was made by Betty Jo Gonnerman and seconded by John Webb to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

Brent reminded those present that dues are not a prerequisite to being an active member of the Historical Society but donations are always welcome. Most everyone made donations to the treasurer at this time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for the Historical Society are traditionally elected in March each year. Motion was made by Betty Jo Gonnerman to keep the current officers. Mike Wood seconded the motion, and the current officers were approved by acclamation. These officers are: Brent Karhoff, President; Pam Witherow, Vice-President; Janice McGinnis, Treasurer; Margaret Gibson, Secretary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brent reported that there appears to be a crack in the brick column at the northeast corner of the Museum, and Dave Davidson has agreed to check into this. Metal siding for the storage building is needed, and Brent will seek bids.

Several Knox County R-1 School students (6th, 7th, 8th grades) were acknowledged for their volunteer work covering the large displays at the museum last fall. They will be helping once again to prepare the museum for visitors this spring. These young people are certainly appreciated by the membership.

Anita James has agreed to clean up the flower bed on the east side of the museum, eliminating some poisonous plants in the process. Brent thanked Anita for agreeing to address the Scotland County Rotary on behalf of the Knox County Historical Society.

NEW BUSINESS

The hours of operation for the museum in 2024 were discussed. There was a consensus to be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.) every month, beginning May 25th and ending the Saturday during Corn Fest, which is September 7th.

The City-wide yard sales will be Saturday, June 8th. The Historical Society will participate once again since this has been a good fundraiser. Everyone is encouraged to donate any unwanted items, not necessarily historic, just something that will sell at a yard sale.

RaNae Vaughn recently attended an event in Independence, Missouri. The Genetic Genealogist and author, Blaine Bettinger, gave four presentations that link the use of DNA to genealogy research. RaNae found his presentations quite interesting and was able to share some of the information with members.

The remainder of the meeting was, "Show and Tell." Several members brought items and shared stories about their place in Knox County history. Pat Grant and John Webb both donated items to the Historical Society for the museum.

A motion was made by Janice McGinnis and seconded by Karen Hall to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Margaret Gibson, Secretary