

Ankeny Area Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 | 6:30PM

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Attendance:

Asa Hutton	Karla Kasper	Andy Logan	Rob Logan
Bob Fontana	Renee Heberer	Jim Nervig	Carmine Boal
Madison Zirretta	Lois O'Donnell	JoEllen Nervig	Joan Quinlin
Tom Quinlin	Norm McCleary		

The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 28, 2025 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Rob Logan, Second: Renee Heberer, Approved.

Office Manager's Report: Lois provided an updated in Stephanie's absence. David Polito passed away. There will be a donation made in his honor. The total since the January meeting is \$828.00.

Treasurer's Report: The following reports were presented by Jim Nervig. See attached reports for further detail.

- January 2025 Monthly Report (1/24-2/24)
- Balance Sheet (as of February 24, 2025)
- Budget vs. Actuals 2024 (January 1 - February 24, 2025)

Discussion around how often we can receive an endowment report. Rob Logan had a phone call with our advisor and the fund is performing as expected. Board treasurer can access a daily balance as we wish. We will leave it as is and will discuss options at the end of the year if needed. There was also a webinar offered if people are interested in learning more about it.

Motion: Asa Hutton, Second: Joan Quinlin, Approved.

New/Current Business:

- A. Security Equipment Installation:** The security equipment project is complete. We were able to get rid of two phone lines and apply that amount of money towards new fees. There are five new cameras inside the barn, exterior cameras, interior cameras in the house, and Ring doorbells. All cameras will record and retain the recording for 30 days. Camera footage can be viewed from the office computer. Discussion of putting another computer monitor in the barn. There was also discussion of purchasing a cell phone line for monitoring purposes and/or receiving codes for banking purposes. There is a censor on the kitchen door, which will save us \$500.
- B. March Open House - Police Department Forum:** The event will take place on Sunday, March 2nd. There are 6 people signed up to help. Lois is meeting with Officer Reed on Wednesday to

show him the house and how things will be set up. We will not record the presentation, but will take pictures of the event. There will be cake and cookies for attendees. Post a sign on the basement door to help direct traffic and consider opening the barn after the presentation.

- C. **April Open House - Meet Your Mayor:** The event will take place on Sunday, April 6th from 2-4PM. Bobbi Bentz will be attending as our guest. She is the first female mayor and will run for re-election this coming year.
- D. **May Open House:** This event will take place on Sunday, May 4th from 2-4PM. Karla Wright will attend this event and speak to John Fletcher Ankeny and his other accomplishments. A newspaper will also be published
- E. **June Open House - Night at the Museum:** The event will take place on Tuesday, June 10th from 6-8PM. A potential theme would be coal mines and we would have a reenactment, as well (consider asking Evan if he would be willing to dress up and present). John Jenson also has a lot of artifacts that we could utilize.
- F. **Upcoming Open Houses:**
 - a. July: SummerFest, Chicken Feed
 - b. August: Ice Cream Social
 - c. September: Back to School, Spelling Bee, Interview Ankeny Students/Employees
 - d. October: Chili Cook-Off & Apple Pie Contest
- G. **Upcoming Tours:**
 - a. **February 27th, 10AM:**
 - i. Who: Shelly Endsley, Co-op
 - ii. Guides: Asa Hutton, Janet
 - b. **March 5th, 2-3PM:**
 - i. Who: Copperwood
 - ii. Guides: Asa Hutton, Lois O'Donnell
 - c. **March 12th, 10-11AM:**
 - i. Who: Albaugh Senior Center (there will be a sign up sheet for attendance)
 - ii. Guides: Asa Hutton, Carmine Boal, Bob Fontana, Rosemary Hutton, Lois O'Donnell
- H. **Centennial Senior Cleaning Day (May 2nd):** Senior students will come over to AAHS on a Friday from 9-11AM to help with clearing tasks.

Old Business:

- A. **Door Refinishing Project Status:** Front door should be delivered on Friday, February 28th.
- B. **DAR/CAR Library Box Status:** Approved installation of project and placement of the library box. CAR had their first meeting and will begin discussing the project. The estimated date of installation will be during the month of May. Karla and her granddaughter will help to monitor the library box and books placed inside.
- C. **February Open House - Vintage Valentines Results:** We had about 15-20 people attend. Many people decorated cookies, made vintage Valentines, and decorated rocks.

D. **Heritage Corner Plaque Project:** Bob Fontana and Andy Logan are continuing to follow up with the project. Andy will speak with Wittenbeck in the next few days to confirm because the plaque has already been ordered. We have already paid for the plaque.

E. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Audit Committee: Tom indicated this will begin in March or April. Rob Logan will assist with this process. Jim Nervig and John
- b. Membership Committee: Discussed getting an updated list of businesses that we could contact for membership.

Future, Long-Term Projects: Not Discussed

Miscellaneous Items:

- Additional tours have been requested by ACSD employees. Bob Fontana will help to facilitate these tours.
- Discussion of gaining insight into the history of establishments on 3rd Street. Bob Fontana will begin working on this process.
- Discussion of Office Manager (Stephanie) sending out reminders for AAHS members/volunteers to remind them of
- Dennis Albaugh indicated to touch base with him this Spring regarding plaques on the library regarding farmers that were kicked off of their land.

The meeting ended at 7:34PM.

Motion to adjourn by Asa Hutton, Second: Rob Logan. Approved.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:30PM.

Madison Fontana Zirretta