

Sibley County Historical Society  
700 Main Street - Henderson, MN 56044

**Meeting Minutes**  
August 22, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Joy Cohrs, Alice Strobel, Becky Briggs, Verne Schlueter, Del Quast, Tom Frauendienst, Holly Harjes, Diane Fredin. Absent: Shirley Black

The meeting was **called to order** by President Joy Cohrs at 5:30 p.m.

The August 2024 agenda was approved on a motion by Becky Briggs, seconded by Tom. Motion approved.

**Secretary's Report** – not available.

**Treasurer's Report** by Tom Frauendienst was approved on a motion by Diane Fredin, seconded by Verne Schlueter. Motion approved.

**Old Business:**

1. Sibley County Fair – 863 people signed the signed roster (averaged 172.6/day). People came from various areas of the globe. See attachment for further details.
2. The "sports" displays were from several Sibley County cities.

**New Business:**

1. Newsletter - Diane asked board members to write an article in regard to former Christmas Celebrations in their home towns for the next newsletter. The next newsletter will be dated October 1, 2024. We will include the invitation which will feature Christmas ornaments/angels.
2. The Sibley County Historical Society will host a "Christmas at the Museum" on December 15, 2024 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
  - a. The theme will be ornaments/angels. It was decided to ask Dee how she makes angels; Diane Fredin will show how she & her church friends have made angels out of their old hymn books.
  - b. Board members will make/bring treats (2 dozen) or buy treats (cookies, etc.) for the occasion. Coffee will be served.
  - c. Diane will contact Laurie Larson from Gibbon to see if she would like to play Christmas music on the Museum's organ for the day.
3. Holly Harjes used some extra antique school desks, previously stored in the Museum's basement, at the Green Isle Charter School. The charter school has closed, and Becky & Steve are trying to sell the desks on Facebook Marketplace. There has been some interest, but no sale. Holly said proceeds should go to Becky & Tom for their help & gas costs in moving the desks. Becky & Tom declined that offer. Any proceeds from a sale will be given to SCHS.

4. The Grant, Phase 3, September 1, 2024: Architect needs to make a report. Joy will call.
5. Alice Strobel has been going through miscellaneous boxes. It was decided that all pictures will go to Becky & if she doesn't think they will sell, she will try to donate them somewhere. As a last resort, they will be thrown. A box of old newsletters was given to Diane. If copies are in our files, they will be thrown.
6. Any items under the heading 28 in the past perfect files will be deleted.

Prior to adjournment, President Joy, stressed that all board members should at all times promote the Sibley County Historical Society & Museum. We should never stress to visitors any negative comments in regard to the Museum or items for sale. We must always remain positive in our comments to visitors. We do not want our guests to think negatively about the operation of the Museum.

Adjournment at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Fredin, *Diane Fredin*

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### **Attachment**

Sibley County Fair, Arlington, MN  
Recap by Holly Harjes  
August, 2024

1. Daily *Country School* books winners were: Wed. - Liam; Thurs. - Jane Goettle; Fri. – Clarissa Peterson; Sat. – Betty DuPay; Sun. – Emma Wacker.
2. Attendance:
  - a. Best calculated guess was 863 (5 x 172.6). Many thanks for those who stopped in. We are proud to be Sibley County's museum and continue to share historical items donated by Sibley County's citizens.
3. Visitors came from MO, KS, AZ, IL, FL, PA, IA, Greece and Australia. Minnesota was represented by 55 Minnesota cities.
4. The seven (7) cities in Sibley County sent displays (as well as visitors) of their town's various sports teams.
5. Mystery items winner was Ross Kramer who guessed a meat scale for item 1 & dial calculator (Victor Adding Machine) for item 2.