

Browns Valley Historical Society Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2024

Members present: Jan Biewer, Matt Goodhart, Richard Johnson, Gary Ingemunson, Joan Ingemunson, Lloyd Heaney and Arlene Reinart.

President Jan Biewer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes was given by Arlene, seconded by Richard. Motion passed.

Jan gave the Treasurer's report as Edith is recovering from surgery. We wish her a quick recovery.

Old Business:

Jan, Richard and Arlene reported on the meeting with Richard Engan and Zach Schultz of Engan Associates and Ali Tonsfeldt and Meghan Ward from Fort Sisseton. The gals had a whole bunch of information on Joseph and Sam Brown and their association with the Fort. They brought maps and information about Sam Browns Cabin when it was scout headquarters east of Fort Sisseton.

Richard Engan and Zach, with Richard Johnson's help, spent the rest of the day inspecting Sam Browns Cabin and taking pictures for the Assessment. The Conditions Assessment for Sam Browns Cabin is approximately 70% completed.

Richard talked about the berm south of the Carnegie Library. It was built to stop water from directly hitting the building as it flowed down the hill and has done a good job.

Lloyd will check into having somebody look at the church roof. Arlene showed pictures of the leak.

New Business:

We talked about having the 6th graders come to the cabin for a field trip and to talk to them about local history.

Jan will check on interest rates at the bank.

Discussion was held about having a field trip in September. Lloyd told of his rafting trip with his grandson down the Little Minnesota to Big Stone Lake. The group reminisced about Randalls, Sweet Maries, Prescott Apts, livery stable, and the head of Traverse. There is so much history in this area and we need to keep the old stories of Browns Valley and the surrounding area alive.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 7 pm at the Carnegie Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Reinart, Secretary