

**Browns Valley Historical Society Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2024**

Members present: Jan Biewer, Matt Goodhart, Edith Foren, Richard Johnson, Gary Ingemunson, Joan Ingemunson, Shelley Roscoe, Cindy Haggerty, Kirk Adams, Janice Tuff, and Arlene Reinart.

President Jan Biewer called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes was given by Edith, seconded by Richard. Motion passed. Cindy Haggerty was welcomed as a new member.

Edith gave the Treasurer's report.

Cindy reported on the Big Spring just out of town on the SD side of Lake Traverse. General Sibley and his troops drank from it. Later a cement trough was built to hold the spring water. We discussed the Buffalo Rubbing Stone, which is at the north end of Lake Traverse near Diamond SD. It is approximately 8x4 feet. We aren't quite sure where it is. Cindy also mentioned the current issue of the South Dakota magazine, which features a very interesting article on the continental divide, Sam Brown the Blizzard Rider, Nicollet's Tower and other items that pertain to this area.

**Old Business:**

Matt reported on the Carnegie Library grant. We are still waiting to hear from SHPO and the MNHS. Extensions will need to be filed at some point.

Arlene reported on the Sam Brown Cabin grant. The assessment being done by Engan Associates is 70% completed.

The paperwork for the Historical Society 501c3 has not been received yet.

The t-shirt inventory has not been done yet. It's on the to-do list.

The flower boxes at the old church will be given away. Nobody has shown an interest in them yet. Arlene sprayed the weeds and would like to have fabric and wood chips put down next spring, with round flower pots.

There is a question of ownership of the land that the church sits on. Research will be done on that matter. The basement of the church needs some repair. Arlene will contact Garrick Stahl for information on people who do this kind of work.

**New Business:**

The school contacted Jan about having a field trip to Sam Brown Cabin for grades 2-6 on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Jan, Kirk and Richard will give a presentation at the cabin.

We plan to have a chicken/pizza supper for our November meeting. Cost will be \$5 per person with the historical society paying the balance.

Discussion was held about having another Dinner and a Movie fundraiser this winter.

Richard mentioned checking into making sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday as a fundraiser.

Joan Ingemunson would like to donate a dress that belonged to her grandmother Emily Smith, along with a fox stole and leather gloves. Edith will find a dress form to put it on. Richard gave a count of visitors to the cabin for the past five years. Visitors have increased in that time by approximately 26%, not counting the school kids who will visit on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy mentioned putting rack cards out for tourism at the Wheaton museum and Nicolette Tower. What a great idea.

We recently acquired the bell from the old fire hall and are entertaining ideas of how and where to display it.

Motion to adjourn by Edith, second by Matt at 7:45 pm to allow people to watch the presidential debate. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8th at 7 pm at the Carnegie Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlene Reinart, Secretary