

Browns Valley Historical Society Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025

Members present: Jan Biewer, Jodi Hook-Hansen, Matt Goodhart, Edith Foren, and Arlene Reinart. President Jan Biewer called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Motion to approve the minutes was given by Jodi, seconded by Edith. Motion passed. Motion to approve the agenda was given by Jodi, seconded by Edith. Motion passed. Jodi gave the Treasurers Report. We have received a \$500 grant from Park Region Telephone for Sundae in the Park. Sunday at the Movies fundraiser was successful with many generous donations. Monetary donations in memory of Marilyn Allen, Betti Labs and Richard Johnson were received from Julie Allen Crisp. Motion to accept the treasurers report was given by Arlene, seconded by Edith. Motion passed. Donations to the Browns Valley Historical Society may now be made at brownsvalleymn.com under the Historical Society tab.

Old Business: The Carnegie Library Preservation Project preconstruction meeting will be Thursday, April 10th at 10:30 at the Carnegie Library. Richard Engan and Beth Averill of Engan and Assoc will be present, along with representatives from Building Restoration Corporation from Roseville, MN.

Since we are unable to get more Historical Society t-shirts, we have decided to just sell what we have on hand at the present time.

Discussion was held on ideas for signage for Sam Brown Cabin.

Sunday at the Movies was a fun time, with people calling out names when they recognized people. We express our appreciation to Dave Ecker for showing the videos and to the Legion Hall for allowing the Historical Society to use the building.

New Business:

We may have sold out of the Marie Kieserling Browns Valley book. Discussion was held on reproducing the book to sell.

Discussion was held on making a plan to have Sam Browns Cabin open this summer. With the construction going on at the Carnegie Library, we probably won't have it open this summer. We will wait to see how the construction progresses.

Julie Allen Crisp has donated a beautiful memorial donation log book. Peggy Metz Duffield has donated a collection of Peever Pilots.

Since our membership is down, we visited the idea of having zoom meetings to attract more members.

Sundae in the Park will be held on July 20th at Sam Brown Cabin. Plans are being made to have sundaes and musical entertainment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Reinart, Secretary