

Browns Valley Historical Society Meeting Minutes

May 5 2025

Members present: Jan Biewer, Jodi Hook-Hansen, Matt Goodhart, Edith Foren, and Arlene Reinart. President Jan Biewer called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Motion to approve the minutes was given by Jodi, seconded by Matt. Motion passed. Motion to approve the agenda was given by Jodi, seconded by Arlene. Motion passed. Jodi gave the Treasurers Report. A monetary donation was received in memory of Richard Johnson. Donations to the Browns Valley Historical Society may now be made at brownsvalleymn.com under the Historical Society tab.

Old Business: The Carnegie Library Restoration Project construction began on April 28th with Building Restoration Corporation from Roseville, MN doing the work. The Sam Brown Cabin Assessment grant has been finalized.

We decided to just wait until later to look for signs for the Cabin. We would like some signs that are more visible to direct visitors to the Cabin.

A discussion was held regarding the hiring of personnel to keep the cabin open on weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day. It was agreed that a request will be made to the City Council for approval and support in this matter.

New Business:

Sundae in the Park will be held on National Ice Cream Day, Sunday, July 20th at Sam Browns Cabin, with ice cream sundaes and local music.

The BV Historical Society memorial donation log book will be posted on Facebook for people to see.

The group held a discussion about organizing a field trip and considered various locations to visit.

We found several of the Marie Kieserling Browns Valley books in the Carnegie Library. They are for sale at the public library for \$20.

Discussion was held on having a Work Bee for painting the Old Red Schoolhouse and the fence. We discussed using a pressure washer.

The sump pump in the Carnegie Library has not been running. The supervisor from Building Restoration Corporation offered to keep an eye on it this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Reinart, Secretary