

Browns Valley Historical Society Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2025

Members present: Jan Biewer, Jodi Hook-Hansen, Matt Goodhart, Edith Foren, and Arlene Reinart. New members present: Laura Wegwerth, Lloyd Heaney and Sheila Greseth. President Jan Biewer called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Motion to approve the minutes was given by Lloyd, seconded by Sheila. Motion passed. Motion to approve the agenda was given by Lloyd, seconded by Laurie. Motion passed. Jodi gave the Treasurers Report. Motion to accept the treasurers report was given by Lloyd, seconded by Arlene. A monetary donation was received from Gene and Marlys Nelson in memory of Alma Kaus and from Arlene Reinart 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 continues with work being done on the lintels and brickwork. Chris from Building Restoration Corporation from Roseville, MN will give an update as soon as possible. The Carnegie Library will not be open during Sam Brown Days this year, due to the construction and safety issues.

New Business:

Laurie cleaned the Sam Brown Cabin. The City Council approved the request to hire a person to keep the cabin open on weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Laurie was hired to work at the Cabin. She plans to make new displays and replace some of the signage that is aged. The Cabin will be open on Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day.

The fence, the old schoolhouse and the Mini Waste' gazebo need to be painted. Sheila volunteered to paint the fence and will look into choosing a color. The old wood fire department trailer under the Mini Waste' gazebo needs to be lifted up from the decorative rocks so it doesn't rot and then be painted.

We discussed having a Pow Wow and decided not to move forward with it at this time.

The Fry Bread Taco feed is scheduled for Friday, June 27th from 11am – 1pm or until gone. Jan's family has volunteered to help again this year. Members should be there at 10 to set up.

Duck Race tickets are for sale for \$5 a piece or \$20 a book. They are available from historical society members or at brownsvalleymn.com at the Historical Society tab under donations. We discussed having a 50/50 raffle.

We discussed having an entry in the Sam Brown Days parade. Jan will talk to Harter's about having their old car in the parade and use the BVHS magnets. We will purchase some candy to throw.

Sundae in the Park will be held on National Ice Cream Day, Sunday, July 20th at Sam Browns Cabin, with ice cream sundaes. Local musicians have volunteered to provide entertainment and will look into the electricity hookups. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Reinart, Secretary