

Browns Valley Historical Society Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2026

Members present: Jan Biewer, Matt Goodhart, Edith Foren and Arlene Reinart. President Jan Biewer called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm. Motion to approve the minutes was given by Edith, seconded by Matt. Motion passed. Motion to approve the agenda was given by Arlene, seconded by Edith. Motion passed. Jan gave the Treasurers Report. Arlene will write out a thank you to the Clem and Bev Sykora family for the \$1000 donation and Matt will drop it off with the daughter.

Old Business: The Historical Society has received a \$3500 grant from League of Minnesota to pay Widseth to write a grant for the Carnegie Library Phase II. The preliminary draft of the grant is to be sent to MNHS by May 22nd. Ryan Zemek from Widseth is working on it.

Browns Valley Historical Society received a \$50,000 grant from MNHS for Construction Documents for Sam Brown Cabin. We have received \$25,000 of the grant money so far, which will be paid to Engan Assoc for doing the documents. Milestone 1 has been submitted to MNHS and has been approved. Engans are working on Milestone 2. Our match amount is \$2500.

We will soon be cleaning the Carnegie Library and starting on our new displays. Some ideas that we have are POW's, Eastern Star, and Jung Family. Ginny Westbrook and Sawyer Huff are currently working on a Community Choir display.

Discussion was held on ordering more t-shirts from a different vendor as Glenda Johnson has retired. We are considering 605 in Sisseton. Jan and Jodi will be doing an inventory to see if we need some smaller sizes and colors.

New Business: Arlene had talked to Curt Alsaker about getting together with the Rosholt Historical Society. They are interested in going on field trips together.

Jan's husband Terry will start work on the Duck Tickets so we can start selling them.

We decided to keep the Fry Bread taco price at \$10.

Music is lined up for Sundae in the Park, which is coming up on July 19th. Musicians will be Jim Reinart, Dennis Foley, and 2 others. Edith will talk to Jay about ice cream. Everything was donated last year.

Discussion was held on painting the old red schoolhouse. Jodi will ask Tony and Jon about scraping or pressure washing. YouthWorks from Fargo has volunteered to help paint in June, depending on the weather.

Discussion was held on cleaning the Carnegie Library and putting up new displays before Sam Brown Day.

Arlene had contacted Youth Works about painting the old red schoolhouse. They haven't responded yet.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Reinart, Secretary