

Minutes of The Windsor-Severance Historical Society March 21, 2022

The Windsor-Severance Historical Society met in person on Monday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Kristie Melendez, Dan Meyers, Sue Buxman, Marcela Johnson, Ruth Brunner, and Judy Firestien. A meeting with the Commerce City Historical Society had been planned but was postponed due to weather.

Call to Order - Kristie Melendez called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and everyone wished Sue Buxman a Happy Birthday!

Monthly Reports/Approvals

February Minutes - The Minutes from the previous meeting on February 28, 2022 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was not available, but there had not been much change from the previous meeting. There would be a bill for business cards and name tags once items arrive.

Membership Status – Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Business Cards and Magnetic Name Tags – The business cards are printed and on their way. A space has been left on the back for the person giving out the card to add their name. Name tags will also be ordered for members and will include the new logo.

Family Farm Tour Event Summer 2022 – There was discussion on the proposed Family Farm Tour in late summer which would encourage parents to bring their kids out to see a working farm. The tour might start at Judy's farm and then a van would transport participants to a couple of other farms where they would have a tour and learn some history. The group would then return to Judy's farm for a box lunch; it would be a half day experience. They could also be encouraged to visit the Poudre Learning Center after the tour. A representative of the WSHS would be on the tour to give additional information along the drive. There would be a couple of vans available for a total of about twenty people. There would be a cost. Dan also reported Severance Town Council has approved a \$500 grant for seed money for the tour. There was additional discussion on dates for the tour (maybe late-July, mid-August), advertising (Activity Guide, Muse News, flyer, chamber newsletter, website, social media), what crops could be seen growing or harvested or livestock to be seen, number of farm participants (dairy, sheep, pumpkin patch), insurance, cost for tour (adults \$20-25 and children \$15), lunch options, scavenger hunt, publicity, speakers to talk on importance of water or other issues, and activities such as petting zoo/animals to touch. Participants would sign up on the website and pay for reservations online. The focus would be for school age kids and information provided at the farms should fit this age group.

Dan, Judy, and Ruth would work on this project and be guides for the tour, in addition to Kristie helping the day of the event. There will be a separate meeting to work on more details.

Easel and picture WSHS promotion in a business - Sue mentioned she still had the easel with picture of the statue and small table for display and suggested this could be displayed at Kristie's restaurant with information on the Society. She also has two other easels in her garage.

Membership Drive Mailing – Kristie suggested the cost this year for a membership mailing would be around \$650 for the mailing company to do. Maybe a postcard could be sent out this year to current members for renewal and another postcard for potential new members. Dan moved and Ruth seconded the membership mailing be completed at a cost not to exceed \$700. Motion carried.

Windsor Update – April 23 photo event and video indexing - Laura was not able to attend the meeting. Kristie reminded members the Windsor Museum would be hosting an open house event that would occur on April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Museum where people can bring old family photos, especially related to Windsor, that could be scanned. They will be scanned and indexed and returned to the owner.

Historic Preservation Commission – Ruth shared with members that the Historic Preservation Commission is having a reception at the Museum on Friday, May 13th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ed Stark will speak on buildings the Town has lost. There will be another reception on Saturday. Plaques will be presented to owners of properties that have been identified as historic landmarks by the Town and HPC.

New Business

2022 Legends and Lessons Event – Kristie suggested putting Sunday, November 6th, 2022 on the calendar for the Legends and Lessons Event again this year.

2022 Video Projects – Kristie mentioned the Windsor High School class of 1972 is having their reunion over Labor Day weekend and this could be a good time for capturing some video of participants. This Labor Day is also the 100th Anniversary of the Windsor Harvest Festival. Kristie has a call into Casey regarding how the Society could be involved with the Festival this year. The WSHS might also be interested in a booth or sponsorship opportunities. Decisions might need to be made fairly soon.

Judy mentioned the Germans from Russia group would be having a picnic lunch at her farm on June 11th and this might be a good opportunity for display of the easel and WSHS information. The WSHS is also a member of AHSGR.

Tails of Tailholt 2 – Kristie had talked with Sandy Lindblad who had written part of the original book and asked if she would be interested in writing the next Tailholt 2. She wanted to talk to Connie and think about this and the Society would need to figure out details also, but Kristie had planted the seed for now. Ruth wondered if a book similar to the Images of Windsor photographic history book could be done.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be April 25th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Firestien, Secretary

