Marysville Historical Society (MHS)

General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 16, 2024 | Time: 6:03 p.m. | Location: Not stated in minutes

Call to Order

President Peter Condyles called the monthly General Meeting of the Marysville Historical Society to order at 6:03 p.m.

Reading and Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Dennis Burman moved to approve the July 15, 2024, General Meeting minutes, and Marie Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Business Savings	$8,893.37
Community Business Checking	$2,085.29
Nonprofit Community Checking	$31,551.76

Correspondence

No correspondence was reported.

Guest Speaker

Jennifer Stapleton, Marysville's new city administrator, introduced herself and gave a brief overview of her background. She came to Marysville after serving eight years as Sandpoint, Idaho's first city administrator. Among the accomplishments she highlighted was helping Sandpoint develop its first Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation Master Plan. Stapleton grew up in Helena, Montana, and moved to Spokane to attend Gonzaga University; she later earned a master's degree in public administration from Eastern Washington University. Her nonprofit and government experience included work for Spokane County and the City of Spokane, as well as service as executive director of the Spokane County Domestic Violence Consortium.

Old Business and Committee Reports

Roadside Sign: President Condyles reported that the City required the sign to be reduced in size or moved farther from the road. The board chose to reduce the sign so it would fit the planter box. Revised plans submitted the previous month were accepted, and the board authorized the next phase. Frame construction was expected to begin October 1, with installation anticipated by the end of October.

Cemetery Tour: Members thanked everyone who attended the previous month's cemetery tour. Tom King, Dennis Burman, and Steve Edin were thanked for preparing the presentations. Approximately 60 people attended.

Gehl House: The Gehl House closed for the season after a strong turnout. Members thanked Kevin Bertelsen for covering Saturdays and noted that the new roof looked great.

Historic Bell: Members thanked Tom King, John Hiatt, Steve Edin, and Kevin Bertelsen for completing work on the bell. President Condyles shared a brief account of its history. The bell arrived in Marysville for the Congregational Church in 1899, was transferred to First Baptist Church in 1907, and was installed at the Society's museum in summer 2024.

Totem Pole: Ron Loop inspected the totem pole and recommended waiting until the following spring to make repairs. He rewrapped the top to protect it through another winter. Funds for the repair would not be allocated until the following spring.

New Business

Steam Donkey: One side of the steam donkey fence had fallen during the previous winter. The board approved replacing the fence and selected Eagle Fence and Iron, a contractor also used by the City. Work was expected to be completed that fall.

Fall Craft Fair: Eleven or 12 crafters had registered, with space for 14. Additional registrations and outstanding payments were expected. Members willing to donate cookies for the cookie sale were asked to contact Jessie Webb or Jodi Hiatt. The Society planned to offer books and other items and to hold a raffle.

Film and Tape Digitization: Peter had recently sent additional Strawberry Festival film and videotapes to Tennessee for digitization. The materials were expected back within a few weeks. Daniel Lucier, a Sunday volunteer, had determined how to digitize VHS tapes. Members thanked Tom King and the Strawberry Festival for locating the footage and allowing the Society to digitize it. Footage from 1950 through 1956 had been digitized; the 1957 footage was already complete.

Nominating Committee: President Condyles again appointed Steve Edin to chair the Nominating Committee. The terms of Linda Molitor, Steve Muller, and Morrie Sachsenmaier were due to expire, and all three agreed to seek another term. The Society would hold elections at its December Christmas party.

Jennings Family Photos: The Society received previously unseen photographs of the Jennings family from Ms. Meyer.

Raffle Drawing: Marie Nelson won a raffle prize that included Halloween decorations.

Adjournment

President Condyles adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica L. Webb

Secretary