



Marysville Historical Society (MHS) General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 18, 2026 | **Time:** 6:06 PM PDT | **Location:** Marysville Historical Society Museum

Present: MHS members and volunteers in attendance at the general meeting; individual attendance list not recorded in the source minutes.

Absent: Not applicable for general meeting; absences not recorded.

Guests: No formal guest speaker; no guests separately recorded.

1. Call to Order

President Peter Condyles called the monthly general meeting of the Marysville Historical Society to order at 6:06 PM. Nick Stampfli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the previous general meeting were distributed by Secretary Daniel Lucier. A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was made by Dennis Burman and seconded by Jodi Hiatt. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dennis Burman had the treasurer's report available for members to review.

4. Correspondence & Research Requests

Secretary Daniel Lucier shared correspondence related to a collection of vintage Marysville family photographs acquired from an estate sale. After Daniel reviewed the collection and uploaded selected photographs to Ancestry, he was able to connect several images to descendants of the people pictured.

One descendant, an 87-year-old man living in Florida, previously had only one photograph of his father. Through the work of MHS, he was able to receive several additional family photographs dating to around 1920. In appreciation, he donated \$300 to the Marysville Historical Society. President Condyles thanked Daniel for his work and noted that MHS was able to make a meaningful difference for a family across the country.

5. Old Business

A. Gehl Home Sign-Up Sheet: President Condyles reminded members that the Gehl Home will be opening for the season the following weekend. A sign-up sheet was placed in the back of the room, and members were encouraged to sign up, especially for Saturdays, which are usually the most difficult days to staff. Sundays are generally better covered because several volunteers are usually present at the museum. President Condyles noted that since the Gehl Home was cleaned and reorganized during the COVID period, the Society has received many positive comments from visitors. Several visitors have also brought their children, saying they remembered visiting the Gehl Home when they were children. The group discussed the children's scavenger hunt and coloring sheets. Marie noted that the scavenger hunt is especially popular with children, and President Condyles noted that it may need to be updated because new items have been added to the Gehl Home. Members were also reminded to complete volunteer documentation if they had not already done so.

B. Electrical and Exit Sign Issues: President Condyles reported that Tom King was not present but provided a brief update on the museum's recent electrical issue. A short was traced to the exit sign above the main door. During the investigation, it was discovered that several of the museum's exit signs no longer light up. The Board has allocated funds to purchase replacement exit signs so they can be repaired or replaced.

C. America 250 Events: President Condyles gave an update on upcoming America 250-related events. Trivia night hosted by MHS will be held on June 4, 2026, at 6:30 PM at 5 Rights Brewing, located in the old Carr's Hardware building. MHS will assist with a flag retirement ceremony on June 14, 2026, in Jennings Park. The American Legion will lead the ceremony. The exact time still needs to be confirmed, but it is expected to be a morning event. The City Parks Department will rent the museum on Saturday, September 26, 2026, for a patriotic tea for children and families. Two sessions are planned, but the times have not yet been determined.

D. Mother Nature's Window: President Condyles gave a brief update on Mother Nature's Window. The ribbon cutting had taken place the previous week, and there was positive press coverage about the history of the property. President Condyles said it was rewarding to see the community and media discussing the history of the park.

6. New Business

A. Totem Pole Update: President Condyles reported that the Board has continued discussing the future of the totem pole. A repair estimate received last year was approximately \$4,500. The Board has considered the cost of long-term maintenance, as well as the fact that the totem pole is not from Marysville or Washington, but from Alaska. The Board had voted to reach out to the donor family. Shortly after that vote, a family member, Rachel Brevik, visited the museum. Secretary Daniel Lucier reported that Rachel was very pleasant and explained that she is not the primary family contact for the totem pole. The main point of contact is in Arizona. However, Rachel expressed interest in potentially taking possession of the totem pole and giving it a new home in Everett. President Condyles stated that the Board has discussed the possibility of helping with relocation costs if the family decides to take the totem pole back. MHS will continue to communicate with the family.

B. New Displays: President Condyles reported that a new Marysville Globe display is nearly complete. Vice-President Steve Edin put the display together. Signage and wording about the history of the Marysville Globe still need to be added. The display includes items donated or connected to Steve Powell, Doug Buell, Bob Buttke, and others. President Condyles encouraged members to view the display.

C. Rotary Club Materials: Treasurer Dennis Burman discussed historical Rotary Club materials recently received by MHS. Dennis explained that the earlier Marysville Rotary Club began in 1929 and continued until about 1934, likely ending during the Great Depression. Unlike the current Rotary Club, which records

minutes for board meetings, the earlier club kept minutes for every weekly luncheon. Dennis scanned the full set of minutes and uploaded them for the current Rotary Club. The club recently voted to have the Marysville Historical Society keep the original records. Dennis reported that the minutes include attendance, speakers, topics, bylaws, the constitution, and the original membership list. He noted that one meeting was held at the reformatory in Monroe, where an orchestra played during lunch. President Condyles thanked Dennis and said the records are a valuable addition to the Society's collection, especially because many familiar Marysville names appear in the minutes.

D. Cemetery Tour and Cemetery Records: President Condyles announced that the 2026 cemetery tour is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026. He also reported that Tom King connected him with the new cemetery director, Patty. Patty invited MHS members to attend the Memorial Day event at the cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2026, at 11:00 AM. President Condyles also reported that he spoke with Beth Opel, former cemetery director. Beth had heard that the company that owns the cemetery may have been considering disposing of cemetery records, including ledger books. Beth contacted the cemetery about the possibility of donating the records to MHS. President Condyles stated that obtaining the cemetery records would be an excellent opportunity for the museum and would help MHS preserve important information about the people buried there.

E. Kroll Map Books Donation: President Condyles reported that the Redmond Historical Society donated two Kroll map books to MHS after receiving materials from a real estate office that had gone out of business. The books include Snohomish County and Western Snohomish County maps. They are older than the Kroll maps MHS recently acquired through Facebook Marketplace. Although they are not in as good condition, their age makes them a valuable addition. Members were encouraged to view the maps after the meeting.

F. New Cemetery Publication: President Condyles introduced a new cemetery-related publication created for the museum. The book includes 104 stories about people buried in the Marysville Cemetery. The publication includes research by Toni and other contributors from the Historical Society, and MHS is listed as the author. Copies are available on Amazon, and additional copies are expected to be brought to the museum. President Condyles also mentioned the possibility of holding a launch event at the museum to invite the community. President Condyles thanked Toni for the large amount of work involved and said the book will be a great asset for the Society and the community.

G. Photograph Identification Activity: There was no guest speaker for the evening. Instead, President Condyles invited members to help identify people, businesses, places, and dates in unidentified photographs from the museum's collection. The Tuesday photo group had selected photographs needing additional information. Some were fire department photos, while others showed businesses and people. Members were asked to write any identifications or notes on the provided sheets and place the notes with the corresponding photographs.

H. Additional Discussion: Marie mentioned that she had difficulty with her email because Comcast is no longer supporting email in the same way and she is transitioning to Yahoo. Members thanked her for the continued effort to remind people about meetings. President Condyles also mentioned the strawberry bicycle. Jessie Webb has been working on improving its condition. President Condyles shared that the bicycle was built by people connected to the Garka Mill in the 1970s. Members were invited to view it in the garage. A member asked whether MHS is making an effort to photograph State Street and Marysville as they look today, noting that today's Marysville will become history in the future. President Condyles agreed and said the question of how to preserve modern history, especially with fewer newspapers and more information appearing only on social media, is something worth considering. Dennis suggested saving local coupon magazines and similar mailers as a way of documenting which businesses were operating at different times. President Condyles agreed and noted that he already saves the City's quarterly newsletters.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jessie Webb and seconded by Jodi Hiatt. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Lucier, Secretary