

ISHS Board Meeting Minutes for Feb. 22, 2020

(Minutes recorded by Carla Townsend due to absence of ISHS executive director William Furry, who had an ISHS commitment out of town.)

Meeting was called to order by Dan Monroe.

Introductions of those who were present.

- Approval of past board meeting minutes: motion to accept past minutes by Brian Mullgardt 2nd: Don Truax.

Motion passed with no dissention

- Presidents report: Gala updated by Dan Monroe.
- Executive Directors Report: given by Dan Monroe in lieu of Bill Furry. Bill is representing ISHS at Rod Davis Memorial. Report from Bill was ready by Dan Monroe about the Gala, Spring Symposium, and the Rod Davis Memorial.
- Treasure's Report: Give by Chuck Stanley. Financial position as of Jan. 31 shows a total asset of \$2,835,359. Most that \$1.8 million is in restricted funds, such as our endowment and scholarship funds and also the \$432,000 in funds raised for the Vietnam Memorial in Springfield that the society manages.
 - Drawdowns on the restricted funds is what is keeping the society functioning. That said, raising the membership fees – which is on the agenda for consideration- and the outcome of the Gala being planned for the annual meeting- will improve our finances.
 - Also a reminder should you come across any reasonable source of revenue, please advise Bill or Mary Lou.
- Development Report: Given by Hannah Kline and Terri Cameron. We are changing the way we track in coming money. Update given about the Gala and Sponsorship as week as ads in the program for the Gala.
 - Gala venue has 12 rooms available at the Inn at 835 which should be reserved quickly if so desired.
 - Young professionals group update given by Devin Hunter. There is no young professionals' group or student presence in central Illinois. ISHS is the perfect group to do this. First meeting at Arlington's is scheduled for March 6th. This is a mixer/ brain storming meeting. The hope is to draw young people into the ISHS. Devin will send email to board members to pass along to other young people that they may know.
 - New Giving programs: Prairie Heritage Giving Circle for donors who give \$1,000. More outreach planned for giving.
 - Marketing: Still seeking a marketing intern, this could be a remote position.
- Illinois History Symposium: Update given by Devin Hunter. The goal of this symposium is to encourage local universities to bring students to discuss their local history projects.

April 25th at UIS Lake Springfield house. 50 people max holding. 6 Universities will be coming

- Upfront costs: \$900-1,000.
- Searching for sponsorship & Attendance fees
- Symposium budget line not filled out on Annual budget, Devin asked if they could add \$1,000 to this line for this Spring Symposium with board approval.
 - Recommendation made by Don Truax that the \$1,000 be added to the Symposium line in the budget for the Spring Symposium. 2nd by Brian Mullgardt.
 - Will Shannon question: What did this cost last year?
 - Answer: There wasn't one last year.
 - Dan Monroe said he would talk to Millikin about sponsorship.
 - \$20.00 for non-student attendees
 - \$10.00 for students
 - No admission costs for student presenters
 - What is the outcome hopes for this symposium? Answer: Bringing together students & Universities with the ISHS. Nothing like this exists in Illinois.
 - Possible free one-year membership for students who attend either the symposium or the young professionals' group. Current student membership costs are \$30 and we have 4 student members.
 - Hannah Kline: What an amazing opportunity for ISHS to make this happen.
 - Will Shannon: What a great way to jump start the young friend's group.
 - Chuck Stanley asked about a minimal fee instead of a free membership.
 - Hannah Kline: The young people's group will have a fund-raising component.
 - Vote taken for symposium \$1,000 line budget addition was made, motion passed with no dissension.
- Membership: There is a need for raising the membership fees for the print members. Motion made by Terri Cameron. 2nd by Don Truax. Motion passed with no dissension.
- Membership Committee: Volunteers are needed. Want to set up 4 regional membership chairs to represent ISHS at various events.
- Motion made for free one-year membership for students who attend the symposium or young friend's group made by Teri Cameron. 2nd by Don Truax.
 - Mary Lou: Who will pay for this?
 - Terri Cameron: UI Press wont have huge costs because these will be online.
- Amendment made to motion by Teri Cameron if there is a cost she will pay it.

- Vote taken; motion passed with no dissension.
 - Larry McClellan: Students going to Conferences get free membership? If we discuss it with local people who would we talk to?
 - Dan Monroe Answer: Teri Cameron.
 - Don Truax: Some of us went to DuPage Genealogical Conference, next month we are going again.
 - Dan Monroe: We can certainly do that.
 - Mary Lou: Just let me know the date.
 - Terri Cameron: We are meeting by phone.
- Assets Management: Cinda gave report. The main need is to keep down pulling of funds from the endowment.
- Annual Awards: Given by Dan Monroe, if you still have reports out for the awards get them in to Mary Lou ASAP please.
 - Motion made by Teri Cameron to change the Malkovich Award to the Russel Lewis Awards. 2nd: Richard Lindberg. Motion passed with no dissension.
 - Need Funding for this award.
- Historical Markers Report: Given by Elaine Evans. There are five markers scheduled to be erected, several suggested.
 - Mentor Graham marker was refurbished and reinstalled.
 - Latin Farmers marker is in progress according to Will Shannon. There has been some funds raised for this marker.
 - Question: What is the process for getting a historical Marker?
 - Answer by Elaine Evans: Does it have merit? Running it passed Bill Furry, filling out the Forms, and raising the money and getting local government approval. There is a \$500 application fee, under the support us tab on the website you can donate for a marker.
 - Our website has a list/ map of all out historical Markers.
- Break for lunch and organ/ window presentation.
- Website Report: Given by Elaine Evans. No major issues. There was an intruder that changed a like to a Disney website, but was caught quickly and fixed by Chris Wollsen. Asks board members to help keep an eye on the website and report to her any issues that are found. Refers to attached website report.
 - New feature is just about ready for board members, please see Mary Lou to get your username and passwords.
 - Book Sale website: because we are not a lending library or research center, we do not have the space for collecting books. The website for the book sales will hopefully be ready next month.
 - Mary Lou will send email when the book sale site is ready.
 - Please report any historical events to Elaine so they can be added to the website.
 - Use Amazon Smile to donate .05% of your amazon shopping total to the ISHS.

- Nominating Committee: Report given by Herb Russell. There is a list handed out at the beginning of the meeting of from Nominating committee for new directors, advisory board, and those going off the board.
 - Must serve one year on the Advisory Committee before being allowed to become a director.
 - Motion made by Don Truax to add to by-laws make mandatory that 1 year must be served on Advisory Committee before being allowed to become a Director. 2nd by Richard Lindberg.
 - Dave Joens raises concerns that this change must be done at annual meeting or not in this current arrangement.
 - Motion carried to be voted on at annual meeting.
 - What is the term for Directors? 3 years Advisory 2 years.
 - Motion made by Done Truax to accept new board nominations. 2nd by Will Shannon. Motion carried with no dissension.
- Publication Report: Prat Awards, David Scott is having issues getting reviews for this.
 - One New member reads the heritage front to back before putting it down.
- Old Business: Terri Cameron asks if it wouldn't be possible to cut down on the time given for the Annual Awards this year. Maybe putting up tables with blurbs about the nominees and their accomplishments instead of a long speech given with the awards about the winners.
 - Dan Monroe: I never got the sense that the Annual Awards was that long.
 - Hannah Kline: I'm allowing for 1 ½ hours for the awards.
 - Mary Lou: It won't take that long.
 - Dan Monroe: Maybe make the wordage less, I sometimes read less than what is written.
 - Maybe just a few lines about the winner and the award.
 - Cinda Klickna: Maybe just move things along a little more than in the past.
 - Hannah: there will be more speakers than in the past with some of the donors speaking.
 - Terri Cameron: Tell Bill only 5 sentences per award.
- New Business: Board meeting in April.
 - Mary Lou: Board meeting needs to be held in conjunction with the annual Awards. How are we going to make this happen with the Gala?
 - How long does it have to be?
 - Could it be before the symposium the following day?
 - Must be in conjunction with the Annual awards.
 - Do the Annual meeting at the beginning of the Gala on Friday.
 - Cinda Klickna: Invites people to the Dana Thomas house on March 30.
 - Don Truax: I know faces but not names, wants to have name tags made for everyone. About \$9.00 each. Some board members will pay for their own.
 - Future Board Meetings:

- July 18, 2020
- Sept. 26, 2020 in Springfield in conjunction with House of Worship banquet.
- December: TBA
- Motion to accept these dates made by Cinda Klickna. 2nd by Don Truax. Motion carried with no dissension.

- Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

William Furry
(Carla Townsend transcription)
And ISHS Secretary Elaine Evans