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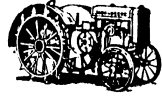
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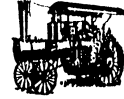
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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. The excitement of the threshing show season is upon us and 29th Annual Heritage Hill Threshing Show is scheduled for August 21 to 23. There has been much work completed at Heritage Hill in preparation for the Threshing Show and more work is yet needed. Thanks to all the members who have helped with the preparations. The oats have been cut, bundled, shocked, stacked on the bundle wagons and are now ready for the annual grain threshing performance. Even though the 2009 precipitation received has been below average, the oat and wheat crops appear to be adequate for show purposes. Rain is still needed for the corn crop to continue to maturity. Fortunately there has been just enough rain this summer to keep the crop growing. Along with the crop production the grass continues to grow at Heritage Hill. Again, thanks to all the members who answer the call and help with the mowing this summer. The final mowing prior to the show will be held on Thursday, August 20th. Both lawn mowers and many lawn trimmers will be needed to make the show site appealing prior to the Threshing Show weekend. Volunteers are busy making additional improvements to the tractor pull track. Due to the popularity of the 2008 tractor pull, additional entries are expected this year. To accommodate the tractor pull participants, the track has been widened to accommodate two side-by-side tractor pulls. Also, a couple new lights will be installed to accommodate the behind-the-scene loading and unloading of equipment. Both the regular tractor pull and the garden tractor pull promise to be great attractions to the 2009 Threshing Show. I am excited to see how many Leader tractors, lesser known tractors and Stickney gas engines are displayed at the show. There has been good response to the advertising – interest has been generated from near and far. As always able volunteers are needed for the entire weekend at Heritage Hill. Help is needed for the kitchen, cashiering, gate admission, threshing and with many other activities throughout the show grounds. Please plan to volunteer in the various capacities throughout the weekend.

For some unclear reason, the 2009 Heritage Hill Threshing Show is scheduled for one week later than normal. It has always been explained to me that the Heritage Hill Threshing Show is held the 3rd full weekend of August. The Heritage Hill show has always been a Friday-Saturday-Sunday event. So, therefore, being that August 1 and 2, 2009 is on a Saturday and Sunday, is August 21, 22 and 23, 2009 the 3rd or 4th full weekend? Just a rhetorical question as there seems to be no clear answer. At the “end of the day” all is well as this scheduling has apparently not created any known conflicts. Actually, scheduling the 2009 Heritage Hill Threshing Show when it is has created some opportunities for all of us Threshing Show enthusiasts. There are many threshing shows scheduled around the Midwest every weekend starting mid-July through mid-September. The annual Butterfield Threshing Bee, first organized in 1967, has always held its event the 3rd weekend in August as well as the Forest City Threshers, both shows normally coinciding with Heritage Hill Threshing Show weekend. Forest City will be featuring J.I. Case Plow Works and J.I. Case Threshing Machine equipment at its show this year. Forest City is a very small community located between Litchfield and Kimball along the Crow River. The Threshing Show site is located in close proximity to the Forest City Stockade which hosts a Summer Rendezvous the same weekend. The Forest City Stockade was erected by area settlers as a result of the 1862 Sioux Uprising. There are many activities to see at this event as well. Again, for those interested Heritage Hill members, you will be able to visit one or both of these shows that normally over-lap with the Heritage Hill weekend activities. Heritage Hill is planning for J.I. Case as its feature event in 2010.

Again, we are looking forward to a very successful 2009 Threshing Show. It will be another fun, educational and enjoyable weekend for all guests, exhibitors, spectator and members. Hope to see you there.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

**THRESHER'S KITCHEN – 2009 PIE DONATION:**

As in past years pie donations are requested from each family unit. **Two nine inch pies will be requested from each family.** Due to health regulations, please prepare fruit filled pies only. Cream based, meringue, pumpkin & pecan pies are prohibited and cannot be sold at the show. Please bake the pies thoroughly prior to delivering to the Thresher's Kitchen. Any unbaked or partially baked pies are required to be discarded. Pies can be delivered Thursday night, Friday or Saturday. Please deliver pies to the Thresher's Kitchen. Label each pie indicating the type of filling. The Thresher's Kitchen food service will be available 7:00 am to 6:00 pm throughout the Threshing Show weekend. A pancake breakfast will also be available each morning. **Thursday August 20, there will be a limited menu available in the Thresher's Kitchen.** Workers are still needed for the kitchen. Members are needed to help clean the kitchen each evening during the Threshing Show. If you can volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Grace Zeller at 320-847-3131.

SPECIAL NOTICE: GATE ADMISSION:

As in past years all paid members will have free admission to the Heritage Hill annual threshing show. MVAFPMA now has approximately 270 volunteer members. It is impossible for the gate workers to know all current members. A gate pass is enclosed in this newsletter for each paid member. **THIS IS YOUR PASS FOR ONE FREE ADMISSION. YOUR NAME IS ON THE PASS – IT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANYBODY ELSE. IF YOU FAIL TO PRESENT THIS PASS AT THE GATE, YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY ADMISSION.** Please make every effort to be a team player on this issue. Please remember that MVAFPMA is a non-profit/volunteer organization and the gate admission revenue is very important to the financial success of the organization. The above policy has been adopted to help and assist the gate workers who are also volunteering their time. Thanks for your cooperation. *The Directors*

FIRST AID – MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

As in past years be on the look out for anybody who may be in need of medical assistance during the Threshing Show. As in the past years Heritage Hill will rely on the use of cellular telephones. If a medical emergency should arise, **call 911** on the cell phone. From Heritage Hill the call will go into the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office, who will then dispatch emergency assistance as needed. If you do not carry a cell phone, just ask someone who does to assist with the cell phone call.

Show Site Preparation: Volunteers are needed to prepare the show site. Your help is needed to complete various tasks prior to the Threshing Show especially starting Monday morning August 17th. **Mowing and trimming is scheduled for all day Thursday, August 13th.** Mowing will continue into the evening if needed. Please plan to help whenever you are available. If you have questions, please contact Wesley Thompson at 320-226-5532. **Thank you, The Directors**

RAFFLE TICKETS: All unsold raffle 2009 tickets must be surrendered at the **August 18th** membership meeting. Please make every effort to sell your tickets prior to that date. Thank you, **The Directors.**

HOUSE COMMITTEE: The House Committee needs your input. The committee has met this past month to begin exploring all possible Nordaune House replacement options. The committee explained its progress at the July 21st membership meeting and is asking for your input regarding what do you view as the intended purpose of the facility? Please let the a committee member know what you envision the future use of a replacement house to be. Such as a working house or a museum or other. **Thank you, Steven Haugen, Gerald Kleene, Douglas Norman, James Roe, Mick Sellman, The House Committee.**

Hanson Building News: The following displays are scheduled for the Hanson Building during the 2009 Threshing Show: • Setting Tables for Heritage (Hill) • Pictorial History of MVAFPMA – Heritage Hill • Flying Quilters Display. **Thank you, Elsie Holtan, Chair.**

THRESHING SHOW CHAIRS

The following members have agreed to serve as committee chairs during the threshing show:

Announcer – Jordan Zeller	People Movers – Dennis Olson
Antique Automobile – James Roe	Plowing – Members
Audio - Erwin Winter/Daniel Winter	Portable Toilets – Douglas Norman
Barnaal Building – Floyd Kanten/Richard Emch	Queen Coronation – Carmen Haugen
Blacksmith – Thomas Fiedler/Sue Fiedler/Gene Sandau	Registration/Office –Patty Kurtzbein, Linda Benjamin
Church Service – James Roe	Rope Making – Leslie Rud
Concession Stand – Carol Hegna/Susan Bergquist	Sawmill – Brad Knight/Kevin Knight/Denny Kurtzbein
Corn Sheller – Kimm Jacobson	Schoolhouse – James Roe
Dust Control – Peter Lindholm & Orlynn Hegna	Shocking/Threshing – Donald Dambroten/Mark Bigaouette/Mark Tollefson
Fairbanks-Morse Building – Lynn Wittman	Small Engines – Kyle Ashling/Lannie Ashling/Donald Holtan
Gate Admission – Eugene Zeller	Snow blower – Glen Coon
Hanson Building Displays – Elsie Holtan	Food Service – Tractor Pull – Marilyn Norman
Hog Roast – Peter Lindholm/Curt Berg/Doug Norman	Steam Engine – Patty Kurtzbein & Jeff Lund
Horse Activities – David Finnes	Swap Vendors – Floyd & Waunita Kanten
Merchandise Sales – Merlin Hanson/Richard Oleson	Tents – Doug Norman
Miniatures – Kermit Ehrenberg	Tractor Display – Mick Sellman
Music – Daniel Winter	Thresher's Kitchen – Thresher's Kitchen Committee
National Anthem – Gerald Loe	Toy Building – Robert Kellen
Parade – Lynn Wittman/Mick Sellman	Trains – David Heath & James Heath
Parking/Camping – Granite Falls Saddle Club	Stage – Glen Coon
Past Feature Tractors – Mick Sellman/LuVerne Bangsund	Shock Loader – Leslie Rud
Shingle Mill/Planing – Mick Sellman/LuVerne Bangsund	Security – Granite Falls Saddle Club

If you have not registered to help on one of the committees, please contact the listed chair to volunteer your services.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: July 21, 2009, Sally Phillips, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Hill, Montevideo.

Quorum: 90 members were present.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Phillips read the minutes of the **June 16th** membership meeting. **M/S/P Gene Zeller/LuVerne Bangsund** to approve the minutes.

Vice President Kleene read the treasurer's report in Treasurer Bergquist's absence. **M/S/P Mark Bigaouette/Mick Sellner** to approve the report.

- **Announcements:** President Thompson informed the membership of members who have had injuries and medical issues, and another who had a death in the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.
- **Guests:** President Thompson called on Richard Emch to introduce guests from Omaha, NE.
- **Donations:** Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Sacred Heart presented the club with a check for \$275 for participating in the 2009 parade. Thank you to members who participated in the parade. Our Savior's Lutheran church donated \$50 for the use of the chapel. Jensales Inc. of Manchester, MN provided the club with a supply of Tractor Serial Number Reference 2009 booklets. Mike Witte's family donated his collection of antique tractors and other implements to the club, in accordance with his wishes. In recognition of Mike's gifts, name plates will be mounted on each tractor, prior to the 2009 show. Farmers Union oil station donated a wagon, which was damaged when it rolled down a hill. A volunteer is needed to repair the wagon.
- **Thresher's Kitchen acoustics:** Eight 8' X 4' ceiling panels made of layers of carpeting and foam have been installed. The general consensus is that they have helped those who use hearing aids by reducing feedback during the business meeting. However they have not resulted in a significant reduction in general noise volume when members are visiting pre- and post-meeting. Curt Berg will share the members' feedback with Pam Baukal to determine an appropriate resolution.
- **Show coordinators:** Please see the August newsletter for corrections to the list of coordinators as published in the July newsletter.
- **Gate tenders:** A signup sheet is circulating for admission gate tenders; coordinator Gene Zeller.
- **Posters/buttons:** The marketing and advertising committee asks that members choose a town in the 5-6 county area in which to distribute posters and sell buttons (\$1 each). Please notify Vice President Kleene of the town you select.

- **Raffle tickets:** Return unsold raffle tickets at the August membership meeting. Tickets that are held beyond that date become the responsibility of the member.
- **Oats:** The oats are cut; volunteers are needed to shock.
- **Work week:** The week of August 17th is the official work week, but work is welcomed any time. Call officers or board members for assignments. Mowing will be done on August 13th.
- **Volunteers needed:** The following projects and events are seeking volunteers: Saturday evening hog roast (Doug Norman/Curt Berg), advance cleaning of Thresher's Kitchen (Doraine Thompson), kitchen workers (Grace Zeller), ushers for Sunday chapel service (Jim Roe), workday for chapel, school and log cabin; "host/ess" for these buildings throughout the show (Jim Roe).
- **Canopy:** The Leader contingent has asked for a canopy to use during the Threshing Show. Grace Zeller will report to the Board on a possible source for purchase. **M/S/P Mick Sellman/Merlyn Hanson** to authorize rental of a 20' x 30' canopy unless it is feasible to purchase one for an amount of \$500-\$600; if purchase is not possible, Floyd Kanten will rent.
- **Leader exhibit:** Vice President Kleene noted that 2 gentlemen are coming from Michigan with Leaders.
- **Thresher's Kitchen project:** Vice President Kleene updated the members on the cost (\$1500 materials only) and design approved by the health inspector. **M/S/P Waunita Kanten/Patty Kurtzbein** to proceed with phase 1 (lower cabinet without doors for storage and countertop for serving).
- **Swenson Building doors:** The doors on the east end of the Swenson building are problematic. It is possible, but not confirmed, that insurance may cover the repair or replacement. It was decided to check the price of replacing the existing doors with an overhead door. The Board will examine the doors and determine if they can be repaired. If not, the topic will be revisited at the August meeting.
- **Chamber of Commerce:** President Thompson met with the new chair of the Chamber of Commerce. She has pledge to attend and to work at the 2009 Threshing Show. She asked for volunteers for Crazy Monte Dayz, July 24th and 25th. Heritage Hill can promote the 2009 Threshing Show with our sign, brochures and pins. Thank you to the members who volunteered during the meeting. All others who wish to volunteer should contact President Thompson.
- **House project:** The house committee asked for input from members in terms of defining the purpose the house will serve at Heritage Hill. Members were asked to write down their thoughts, the papers were collected and the committee will report their findings at the August meeting.
- **Heritage Hill events:** Jim Roe updated members on the schedule for the use of the Heritage Hill chapel.
- **Gratitude:** President Thompson thanked those who served this month's lunch.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: August 5, 2009, Sally Phillips, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo.

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Kleene, Bergquist, Phillips, Molde, Zeller, Sellman, Kanten, Winter, Emch. *Guests:* 6.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Phillips Helling read the minutes of the **July 2nd** directors' meeting. **M/S/P Kanten/Bergquist** to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist delivered the July financial report. **M/S/P Phillips/Sellman** to approve.

- **Farming operations:** Thank you to those who have worked to repair the binder, and to those who have shocked. Orlynn Hegna and Doug Norman will determine a date for loading bundles. Two parties have requested to purchase a collective 450 bushels of oats. Farm labor was provided by Richard Emch, Erwin Winter and Orlynn Hegna. **M/S/P Kleene/Bergquist** that it will be the obligation of person(s) providing farm labor to bill the club at 80% of the custom rate.
- **Donated personal property:** **M/S/P Kleene/Sellman** that donated personal property will not be insured against loss.
- **Plaques for Mike Witte donation:** Bob Christianson of Gallery on First donated plaques for Mike's tractors.
- **Arm bands for vendors:** Waunita Kanten will procure and distribute arm bands to vendors upon registration to expedite their passage through the admission gate.
- **Mini-donut concession:** **M/S/P Kleene/Zeller** to deny the request of a vendor to sell mini-donuts.
- **Offers of donations:** A 1949 fire truck by Bonnie Hein. **M/S/P Zeller/Phillips** to decline. A ladder truck by the City of Montevideo. **M/S/P Sellman/Kanten** to decline. A house on Black Oak owned by the Catholic Church. **M/S/P Bergquist/Zeller** to decline.
- **Log cabin:** Jim Roe is seeking someone to adopt and oversee the log cabin and volunteered to orient the new custodian. He also provided the specifications for a log which is needed to repair the cabin.
- **Pump organ:** **M/S/P Sellman/Phillips** to make an unconditional transfer of the unrestored and unused organ to Jim Roe.
- **Sound deadening:** The general consensus is that installed panels have not delivered the promised 80% reduction in noise. Pam Baukal recommended additional panels to improve the result at a cost \$1500. She will be invited to the next membership meeting to experience the noise level. Further expenditures require membership approval.
- **Shower/toilet facilities:** **M/S/P Sellman/Winter** that Chip Worsech will provide a trailer housing 2 showers and 2 flush toilets at a cost of \$1000 for the show weekend.
- **Donation policy:** **M/S/P Sellman/Bergquist** to adopt a written personal property donation policy. Members may request a copy from Secretary Phillips Helling or Treasurer Bergquist.

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>
<i>Heritage Hill Membership Meeting</i> (August servers are Chip/Reba Grube, Don/Elsie Holtan, Karen/Gerald Kleene, Erwin/Carol Winter)	<i>Tuesday, August 18, 2009 – 7:00 PM</i>
<i>2009 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Leader, Stickney gas engines and lesser known</i>	<i>August 21, 22 & 23, 2009</i>
<i>2009 Plowing Bee – Heritage Hill</i>	<i>Sunday, October 25, 2009 – 1 PM</i>
<i>2009 Christmas Party</i>	<i>Saturday, December 12, 2009 – 6 PM</i>
<i>2010 Swap Meet</i>	<i>April 16 & 17, 2010</i>
<i>2010 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Case Tractors</i>	<i>August 20, 21 & 22, 2010</i>

REMINDER: The MVAFPMA BOARD of DIRECTORS must authorize all expenditures prior to incurring the expense. With limited funds available, advanced planning is necessary to assure expenditures can be paid in a timely manner. Cooperation of all members is necessary to assure future success of HERITAGE HILL. This newsletter is published with the hopes of keeping our ever-growing membership informed of current events, issues, concerns and status of projects. Comments, concerns and constructive criticism are always welcome. If you have information you wish to have published please send to Sally Phillips, Secretary or email to Les Bergquist, Treasurer. The Membership and

Directors' Meeting articles are high-lights of the respective meetings. Copies of the meeting minutes are available by contacting the Heritage Hill Secretary.

EXTRAS: Meaningless advice and random thoughts

• Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak • He who laughs last, thinks slowest • Change is inevitable except from a vending machine • Those who live by the sword get shot by those who do not • Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool • The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you will get it wrong • If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog • If the shoe fits, get another one just like it • The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first • Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer • Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries • Shin Bone: A device for finding furniture in a dark room • A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well • When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of people who were not smart enough to get out of jury duty •

TREASURER'S REPORT: July 2009

Financial Statement: July 1, 2009

Internal Accounts

\$4,028.99	General Fund
\$97.00	Decibel Reduction Fund
\$248.75	Defibrillator Fund
\$6,833.70	Farming Fund
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund
\$48,800.45	Nordaune House
\$873.39	Other Memorial Fund
\$189.24	Stage Fund
\$1,752.81	Tractor Pull Track Fund
\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund
\$96,334.84	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$1,810.89	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$94,523.95	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$96,334.84	TOTAL
\$9,500.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank

Operating Statement

\$96,334.84 Balance: July 1, 2009



Donations:

\$200.00	Lucy Emch Memorial
\$275.00	F&M Bank Sacred Heart
\$100.00	Ruby Gilbertson
\$50.00	Our Savior's Lutheran Church

RECEIPTS

\$625.00	Donations
\$44.39	Farmer's Cooperative Dividend
\$97.30	Interest
\$80.00	Meeting Lunch Donation
\$585.00	Raffle Tickets
\$175.00	Swap Spaces
\$1,606.69	TOTAL

\$94,889.58 Balance: July 31, 2009

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$180.00)	Ditch Assessment
(\$98.79)	Electricity
(\$1,053.39)	Farming Expense
(\$11.16)	Fuel
(\$908.91)	Plaques/Buttons
(\$44.00)	Postage/Office Supplies
(\$454.39)	Threshing Show Advertising
(\$151.48)	Threshing Show: Food
(\$149.83)	Tractor Pull Track
(\$3,051.95)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: July 31, 2009

Internal Accounts

\$3,358.12	General Fund
\$176.00	Decibel Reduction Fund
\$248.75	Defibrillator Fund
\$5,780.31	Farming Fund
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund
\$48,800.45	Nordaune House
\$1,073.39	Other Memorial Fund
\$189.24	Stage Fund
\$1,752.81	Tractor Pull Track Fund
\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund
\$94,889.58	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$269.29	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$94,620.29	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$94,889.58	TOTAL
\$9,500.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer