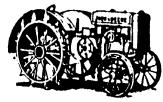


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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. The 2014 Montevideo Chamber of Commerce Xpo was hosted at Heritage Hill Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. This was the first time the same event was held at Heritage Hill. The buildings were filled with merchants and the guests seemed to be plentiful. The success of any such event is very dependent on the weather; the weather on Friday was great and a little less desirable on Saturday as the wind velocity increased. The Threshers' Kitchen was busy with Dad's Belgium waffles being served. Thanks are extended to Heritage Hill members who donated goods for the annual bake sale and to Joyce and Mark Bigaouette for coordinating the fundraiser. The event was also a good venue for selling raffle tickets. Thanks to those volunteers who helped sell. Heritage Hill volunteers gathered on Monday, April 21 to clear the buildings. Volunteers gathered again on Monday, May 5 to move all equipment back where found. Volunteering at Heritage Hill usually means there is ample time for the crew to gather coffee breaks. Good food, comradery and free advice are all plentiful.

So far the spring weather conditions this spring have paralleled quite close to the spring of 2013 – a very wet and cold April. Despite the conditions the farming crew was able to seed the wheat between rains showers. The wheat has germinated and recently emerged. Fortunately, being a cool season crop, wheat can tolerate such cool conditions. So can Kentucky blue grass. Most of us would be happy if the grass did not green-up so soon. No matter the conditions, the lawn always seems to be ready for its first mowing around May 1. The Heritage Hill volunteers will be called upon soon to help with mowing. The beautiful lawn concept is something that has seemed to have evolved over a long period of time. Actually lawns appear to be a European invention, which makes sense since much of climate in Britain and France tends to be moist and mild, quite important to close-cut grasslands, contrary to the less temperate climates here in North America. The first groomed lawns found in the United States were established on estates owned by the wealthy in eastern states, those that could afford the intense labor necessary to establish such luxuries of the time. When northern Europeans immigrated and first settled in the Midwestern states, lawn establishment and care was not high on their priority lists. Lawns at the time were mostly by-products of cattle, sheep and horses grazing fenced in areas of land. The foraging critters also self perpetuated whatever lawn fertilizer may have been applied at the time. World War II actually played an important role in the expansion of our modern day lawn. The return of GI's from WWII and rebounding economy, led the growth of inexpensive housing developments in major cities and small towns. Many of these soldiers, who were trained in neatness and obedience, along with their growing families, treasured the concept of a well maintained lawn. At the same time science and technology produced a whole train of inventions, including the rotary lawn mower, effective (maybe not safe) pesticides, weed-free grass seed, fertilizers and spreaders for its application. Out of all this came the possibility of weed-free lawns. Technological advancements on the farm also provided the ability for farm families to prioritize the time needed to maintain and enjoy a beautiful lawn. Therefore, we continue to spend monumental amounts of time and money, raising grass, mowing it off, all for our summertime enjoyment.

The membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, at Heritage Hill! Hope to see you there.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President



From the Montevideo Chamber

"Heritage Hill is a charming venue full of endless opportunity and possibilities for a large range of events. We decided Heritage Hill as the location for the 2014 Montevideo Xpo not only for the unlimited space to host a large event with a vast group of vendors, and patrons. But also for its unique set-up based around history, nature, agricultural roots, and a "simpler times" approach with modern amenities. The historical quality of the buildings and different sites on the property are their own draw for visitors, along with offering a base to build any event around. The Xpo committee was able to use large on-site buildings, along with quaint country houses, sheds, and privately owned buildings on the property. These were a terrific start to building our event! The facilities were not the only impressive quality to Heritage Hill, the team of people who up-keep, volunteer, maintain the property, preserve the history, work with the restoration of all the buildings and sites on the property were an amazing effort to behold. Our event ran Friday thru Saturday, and I was at "the Hill" Thursday in preparation. The men and women with Heritage Hill working that week with everything from moving equipment to cleaning buildings, to firing up the oven for our vendors, organizing the bake sale, collecting garbage, directing vendors, etc., etc. were there for anything we needed, or our vendors requested. Such helpful, neighborly, great people to work with, it was really a fantastic experience to be a part of, venue, and people based! We look forward to hosting 2015 Montevideo Xpo at Heritage Hill once again, and we will be happy to share and spread the word about all the opportunity for a great venue for all sorts of events, and celebrations at Heritage Hill! Thank You!"

Emily Sumner

Executive Director
Montevideo Area Chamber of Commerce

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill Patty & Denny Kurtzbein, Linda & Art Benjamin, Karen & Gerald Kleene	Tues., May 20, 2014
Heritage Hill Director's Meeting = Heritage Hill	Thurs, June 3, 2014
Heritage Hill Potluck Picnic -	Tues, June 17, 2014
Annual Threshing Show featuring Minneapolis Moline	Aug. 15, 16, and 17. 2014

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: April 15, 2014 – Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo
Quorum: 50 Present

President Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the March 17, 2014 membership meeting. M/S/P Doug Norman/Peter Anderson to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist gave the March 2014 financial report. M/S/P Dennis Olson/Chet Beavers to approve the report.

- **Montevideo XPO:** Heritage Hill will be hosting the 2014 Montevideo XPO on Fri. April 25th from 12:00 to 6:00 PM and on Sat. April 26th from 10:00AM to 4:00 PM. 48 paid vendors have reserved inside spaces. Heritage Hill is responsible for getting the buildings emptied and the grounds prepared. Heritage Hill will be having a bake sale in the Threshers Kitchen, chaired by Joyce and Mark Bigaouette. Belgium Waffles will be sold in the kitchen area and they will also be providing coffee and juice for sale.
- **Work Group:** Tues. April 22nd at 9:00 AM will be the time set for cleaning the kitchen and the Hagen House and also for cleaning out and preparing the buildings for the vendors. The buildings being used will be the Chippewa, Ost, Phillips, Women's Building, Toy Building and the Hagen House as well as the Threshers Kitchen.
- **Work Supervisor:** A work group supervisor is needed to check the grounds at HH on a regular basis and make a list of the jobs needing to be completed by the membership or outside contractors. Merlyn Hanson volunteered to be the work supervisor.
- **Show Guide:** Sally Phillips is the chairperson for the 2014 show guide. Sally reported that Pat Schmidt met with the Board of Directors and the show guide plans are progressing. The amount of guides to be printed has been increased to 4500 and they will be delivered by July 1, 2014. The guide is paid for by advertisements. Any members wishing to advertise in the guide should contact Pat Schmidt.
- **Raffle Sales:** Ron Molde is in charge of the raffle sales. Contact Ron to get tickets to sell.
- **Bake Sale:** The set up will be on Friday morning and baked goods can be brought in both Friday and Sat. Mornings.
- **Signs:** The lettering for the trailer sign has been misplaced. Anyone knowing where the letters are located, please contact Pres. Thompson or the board members. Letters were borrowed for use during the XPO. The sign near the highway also needs the dates updated.
- **Combine:** Richard Emch has donated the combine which has been borrowed from him by HH in the past years.
- **Queen Candidates:** The queen candidate's applications need to be in by June 10th. The voting for Queen will take place during the Annual Picnic Meeting in June.
- **Tostenson's Septic Service:** Lonny and Nancy Tostenson have purchased the septic business formally owned by Ryan Gilbertson.
- **Unused Equipment:** Floyd Kanten is in charge of selling the unused equipment at HH. The John Deere D has been sold and 1937 F-20 Farmall has been sold. The 1937 John Deere B is still available for sale.
- **Toy Building:** The Board of Directors suggested that the Toy Building needs to be resided. Ron Molde will secure estimates which will be brought to the membership at a later date for the membership's approval.
- **Shooting Range:** Les Bergquist reported about the shooting range. After all the pros and cons were investigated and discussed by the committee and the board of directors, the decision was made to discontinue any further planning and the shooting range will not be located at HH.
- **Saw Blade:** A suggestion was made to purchase an extra 42 inch saw blade for the saw mill. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Orlynn Hagna to purchase a saw blade with a budget set at \$2200.00
- **Pioneer Public TV:** Chip Grube is working with pioneer public TV to get a program taped during the 2014 Threshing Show.
- **Shoe Repair and Grain Drill donations:** Judy Anderson has donated shoe repair machinery which is located in the Power House Building. Jeff Anderson has donated a Minneapolis Moline Grain Drill.
- M/S/P Mick Sellman/Mark Bigaouette to adjourn the meeting.

DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES: May 1, 2014 – Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo. Quorum: Present – Thompson, Kleene, Heath, Molde, Bangsund, Kanten, Roe. Absent: Hegna, Bergquist, Grube Guests: 4

President Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting M/S/P Kleene/Bangsund to approve the minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was unavailable.

- **Shoe Machine:** The machine has been transported to HH and is located in the Power House Building. Ron Molde will inspect the motor and the electrical requirements. Marlys Heath will contact Harlan Kosmalski from Dawson to view the machine with the possibility of having him operate it during the Threshing Show.
- **Toy Buildings:** Ron Molde submitted the estimates for installing new vinyl siding on the Toy Building. The total estimate for materials and labor was \$3100.00. The completion date would be sometime in June. M/S/P Jim Roe/Floyd Kanten to bring the information to the membership for an approval vote during the May membership meeting.
- **Kitchen Acoustics:** A discussion was held about the poor acoustics in the Threshers' Kitchen. Board members as well as the membership are asked to research the problem and bring suggestions to the board.
- **Queen Candidates:** No resumes have been submitted at this time. Resumes should be submitted by June 10th to be voted on at the June Membership Meeting on June 17th.
- **Lights:** M/S/P Kleene/Roe to install more street lighting in the area of the Toy Building, Train Shed, Hanson Building. HH already has the light posts and globes in storage and Ron Molde will take care of the installation with a cost only for the additional materials needed. A motion light has been installed outside the front entrance on the Threshers Kitchen. The light switch needs to be left on and a reminder will be put on the switch inside the Kitchen.
- **Show Guide:** A discussion was held about changing some times of events and adding new activities. The advertising has already listed the times for 2014. Any changes made would have to be for 2015, which will be discussed at a later date. Suggestions are always welcome for new activities but the person suggesting should be prepared to take care of the organizing and supervising the event. The map in the show guide needs to be updated. Kleene will contact Pat Schmidt and work on updating the map. Times for events will be listed in the show guide and Kleene will make a list to be given out at the gate.
- **Montevideo XPO:** 60 venders were set up at HH for the Montevideo XPO on April 25th and 26th. The Montevideo Chamber of Commerce was very satisfied and requested the use of HH again for the 2015 event. M/S/P Kleene/Molde to approve the Chamber of Commerce to set up a large tent if needed during the 2015 XPO. The bake sale and raffle sales went very well. About \$600.00 was taken in during the bake sale.
- **Kitchen Cleaning:** e-mails will be sent out with reminders when the date and time are set for the kitchen cleaning.
- **M/S/P Kleene/Roe** to adjourn the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: April 2014

Financial Statement: April 1, 2014

Internal Accounts		Investment Accounts	
\$24,079.08	General Fund	\$6,774.78	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$6,017.11	Building Fund	\$43,858.80	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,037.39	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund	\$50,633.58	TOTAL
\$50,633.58	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$50,633.58 Balance: April 1, 2014

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
\$643.00 Bake Sale	(\$272.48)
\$280.00 Dues/Membership	(\$40.71)
\$5.73 Interest	(\$49.00)
\$80.00 Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$332.00)
\$138.36 MN Valley Coop Dividend	(\$148.33)
\$1,100.00 Raffle	(\$4.03)
\$100.00 Threshing Show: Swap Spaces	<u>(\$54.12)</u>

\$950.00	Tractor Sale	(\$900.67)	TOTAL
\$3,297.09	TOTAL		
\$53,030.00	Balance: April 30, 2014		

Financial Statement: April 30, 2014

Internal Accounts

\$26,475.50	General Fund
\$6,017.11	Building Fund
\$3,037.39	Chapel Fund
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\$17,500.00	Farming Fund
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\$53,030.00	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$9,165.79	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$43,864.21	CAB - Preferred Money Market
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\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
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\$53,030.00	TOTAL

\$0.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

May Extras

News and Notes:

Thanks to Merlyn Hanson for volunteering as Work Coordinator at the Hill. He will be scheduling Tuesday evening work night and looking for repairs, etc. that need attention. If you notice any tasks that need the attention of the work crews such as repairs, cosmetics, etc., please contact Merlyn and he will make it known that there is a job to be done and get us motivated to attend to it.

Once again we will be having the Heritage Hill Potluck Picnic on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. More information will be forthcoming in the June newsletter. Just keep in mind that this is a special event where we can all enjoy those wonderful potluck dishes made by our ladies (and sometimes by our men.)

Our facilities are available for members use for weddings, showers, reunions, graduations, confirmations, etc. If you or a friend are thinking of a great place for an event and are interested in using the kitchen, chapel ,lawn, etc. please contact Jim Roe, ph # 320-269-7507. We will also be having a nice shelter with cement floor for outdoor activities. Jim says that there are several events scheduled for this summer so if interested don't delay in making arrangements with Jim.

We are looking for a young lady to represent our club as Queen. We ask that she write a short essay with some information about herself, her interests, and why she would like to represent Heritage Hill as our queen. We ask that applications be submitted to the club by June 10 and the queen will be selected at the Picnic on June 17.

This is the time of the year we get our lawnmowers ready for mowing season. Due to recent rains the lawns at our homes and at the Hill are turning green and getting long enough to mow. A mowing schedule will be determined soon.

Wanted: Trees for the sawmill

Would you know what to do in case of a medical emergency? How would you respond if someone near you needed emergency assistance? Having a heart attack or choking. We are currently in contact with the Montevideo Ambulance squad who has agreed to put on a First Aide class at Heritage Hill. This class would be open to the public and may have a limited enrollment. Please watch for further announcements.

Happy Mother's Day, and remember,

If your mother asks you a question you better tell the truth because she probably already knows the answer !

