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**PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:**

Howdy Heritage Hill members! I am delighted to announce that spring has finally arrived! Across the regions that you all reside in, the signs of this vibrant season are emerging, bringing with them a sense of renewal and hope. After months of winter's chill (I have a hard time even saying this due to it being the mildest winter in my lifetime), we now witness the blooming of flowers, the greening of grass, and the return of wildlife. One thing that always amazes me is the Johnny jump up flowers that seem to appear more densely in my yard each year. They always seem to come in thicker and more spread out each season. It shows how with persistence comes growth and development, and that is what we are trying to ensure at the Hill every year. The longer days and warmer temperatures invite us outdoors, rejuvenating our souls and allowing us to get some ventures done that have been put on the back burner.

Spring is a time of transformation and growth. It reminds us of the resilience of nature and the endless

possibilities for change and improvement. Just as the flowers bloom anew each spring, so too can we find the strength to overcome challenges and embrace new beginnings.

As we embrace the arrival of spring, let us also remember those who may be struggling. Allow us to extend a hand of kindness and support to those in need, ensuring that all of us Hillers can share in the joys of this season.

May this spring be a time of renewal for our club, a time when we come together to build a brighter future for all. Thank you all for attending the April Membership meeting. We sure got a few important things accomplished. Along with that, Joe Schumacher and I repaired the tilt cylinders on the forklift that was donated to our club. After we got the very interesting cylinders repaired, they were installed and believe it or not they did not leak! Maybe we really do know what we are doing...however, we have not figured out the brakes on it yet. Be careful when operating as they currently do nothing. Anyways, I look forward to seeing more of you at the May membership meeting on 5-18-24 at 5pm in the HH Thresher's Kitchen.



**Warm Regards, Grant Schmieg, President**

## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting – via ZOOM  
 Membership Meeting – Threshers’ Kitchen  
 Heritage Days 2024  
 Christmas Party

Monday, May 6th – 7:00 pm  
 Sunday, May 18th – 5:00pm  
 June 14 - 15, 2024  
 TBD

## TREASURER’S REPORT: March 2024 – Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

### HERITAGE HILL TREASURER'S REPORT March 2024

#### Financial Statement: March 1, 2024

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$87,601.53	General Fund	\$1,457.45	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$160,653.24	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$4,801.00	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund	<b>\$162,110.69</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$15,000.00	Insurance Premium Fund		
<b>\$162,110.69</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

#### Operating Statement

**\$162,110.69**      **Balance: March 1, 2024**

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
\$ 210.00	Membership Dues	(\$214.37)	Office Supplies/Printing
\$ 96.69	Misc	(\$78.92)	Misc Ground Maintenance
\$ 82.97	Interest Paid	(\$116.23)	Electricity
<b>\$389.66</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$409.52)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$162,090.83**      **Balance: March 31, 2024**

#### Financial Statement: March 31, 2024

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$87,581.67	General Fund	\$1,354.62	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$160,736.21	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$4,801.00	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit

\$15,000.00	Insurance Claim Fund	\$162,090.83	TOTAL
\$49,840.16	Insurance Premium Fund		
<u>\$162,090.83</u>	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: Grant Schmieg- Acting Secretary

- **Meeting Date:** 4/7/2024 6pm
- **Members Present:** 25
- Meeting was called to order at 6pm. President Schmieg led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Schmieg Presented the minutes from October 2023. M/S/P Glen Coon/ Kyle Ashling to approve the October 2023 membership meeting minutes.
- Peterson presented the March 2024 Treasurer's report. M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Doug Norman to accept the March 2024 Treasurer's report.

Agenda:

- **Engine Coins:** Printed and in our possession for 2024 show.
- 2024 Exhibitor Gift: Pint Glasses are picked up and in the kitchen.
- **John Deere Tractor:** Sale of 4030 with loader was discussed a couple years ago. Discussion consisted of selling the John Deere 4030 and use the proceeds to purchase a skid steer. We do currently have a few offers on the table. Seeking membership approval to sell the tractor and purchase a skid steer. A motion was made by Joe Schumacher to sell John Deere 4030 Tractor. M/S/P Joe Schumacher / AJ Burgi
- **Skid Steer:** Motion to purchase a skid using funds from JD tractor sale and staying under \$25000. M/S/P K. Ashling/Elijah F.
- **2025 Feature:** Oliver was selected for tractor feature. Looking for gas engine feature. AJ Burgi suggested Waterloo Boy & All waterloo boy contract engines. M/S/P AJ Burgi/Liz Ashling to feature Waterloo Boy and All Waterloo Boy Contract engines for the 2025 show.
- **HH Facility Uses:** May 4<sup>th</sup> Monte Prom, MAAPS meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>, Graduation party for June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Facility Usage Proposal:** May 18<sup>th</sup>, Troy Wegner from Butterfield, MN is wanting to start a spring crank up that is a traveling show to display gas engines. He would like to start the first annual at Heritage Hill. There is no obligation from the club, they just need a place to host and a place to visit for the day and host a potluck. Wanting approval to allow this event. M/S/P Marshal Lagred/Liz Peterson
- **Prony Brake:** The Itasca, MN show had a replica of the Rollag, MN show's prony brake go up for sale. Kyle Ashling purchased it with the intention of selling the prony brake to the club for a display if approved. It would make an incredible display for our show grounds and set us apart from other shows. He is seeking membership approval for purchasing it from him for \$4000 and adding this as a display on our grounds for 2024 show. M/S/P Alex Lamkin/Joe Schumacher to purchase the Prony brake for \$4000.
- **Sound guy:** Dave Evenson is asking to see if we are interested in having him back for 2024. Seeking approval to have him back this year. M/S/P Chip Grube/Marshal Lagred
- **Liability Insurance:** Our liability insurance provider recently decided to cease the coverage we currently get for HH by April 15th. Motion to seek and purchase new liability coverage. M/S/P Marshal Lagred/Liz Ashling
- **Donations:** We recently got a few items donated to the club. Items are as follows: Clark forklift (been somewhat fixed up, BRAKES DO NOT WORK!!!), a functional lawn mower, 120-gallon propane tank for the kitchen, pedal tractor from Titan Machinery, R Minneapolis Moline in running condition. Thank you for the donations.

- **TD18:** Clutch disc was repaired: mostly installed and ready to run. Some loose ends to tie up still. Thanks to all that have helped with that project.
- **Tractor registration:** we are NEED someone to help down in the Ost building for tractor, engine, and equipment registration throughout the show weekend.
- **Raffle Tickets:** available in the kitchen. Please sign out on the folder.
- **Blacksmith:** Elijah Fjerkenstad has been working away improving the tools in the blacksmith shop. The power hammer is what he is working on currently doing a mild restoration. A wood base is still needed to put underneath. He is needing help to get the repairs done. If you are interested contact Elijah himself or a board member to get in touch with him. In the corner of the shop is a non-functional Lathe that would cost more than it's worth to repair. M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Marshal Lagred to sell the lathe and use the proceeds to purchase more tooling for the blacksmith shop. If any members are interested in purchasing the lathe, please contact a board member with an offer.
- **Winter Projects:** Thank you to everyone who has been on the grounds over the winter fixing things and working on show prep.
- **2023 Audit:** Liz Ashling/Scott Thiessen agreed to audit the treasury for 2023. All books checked out proper.
- **Next Membership Meeting:** May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5pm at the HH Kitchen.
- **Next Next Membership Meeting:** June 2024, watch in May newsletter for times.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Marshal Lagred/Liz Peterson to adjourn the membership meeting.

## DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: April 7, 2024 – Grant Schmiegl, Acting Secretary

- **Board Members Present:** Grube, Miller, Lagred, L. Ashling, Schumacher, Schmiegl, L. Peterson, K. Ashling,
- Called to order 4/7/24 at 7:10 pm. No pledge was said.
- Schmiegl presented the March 2024 board meeting minutes. M/S/P/ L. Peterson, L. Ashling to accept the March 2024 minutes.
- Peterson presented the March 2024 Treasurer's Report: M/S/P Joe S/Marshal Lagred to accept the March 2024 Treasurer's Report.

### Agenda

- **HH Facility Usage:** A couple more reservations have been added to the list, September 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 for private event, May 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 for private event.
- **Pint Glasses:** A few more glasses were added to the order to use as prizes for tractor pull. Initial order amount has increased from \$514 to \$570.30. Motion to pay the excess M/S/P K. Ashling/Lagred.
- **Services for show:** Dumpsters have been booked (thank you Liz Peterson), Clean Site for portable bathrooms has also been booked, also need to get on the schedule for pumping the septic before, during, and after the show.
- **Tractor Provisions:** Titan Machinery and Ziegler Cat have committed to providing tractors for displays during the show and for use during the tractor pull.
- **Queen Scholarship:** Just a reminder to past queens for Heritage Hill. Years ago, it was decided to have \$250 scholarship granted to each queen upon completion of the first year of college. It is each individual's responsibility to reach out to the club with proof of the first year of college completed in order to receive said scholarship.
- **Postcards:** last fall some postcards advertising this year's show were made and dispersed. A need for more postcard was brought up. Abby Blanchette ordered more, and Kyle Ashling will have possession of them. Contact Kyle if you're interested in handing out some postcards.
- **New show schedule item:** Bingo offered daily from 2-3pm.

- **Friday Night Concessions:** Concessions to be offered during the Red Letter Band potentially from the popcorn shack or some other method. More details to come.
- **Next Board Meeting:** May 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm via ZOOM.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Chip Grube/Liz Ashling to adjourn the meeting.

## MONTHLY MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

My name is Elijah Fjerkenstad and I do the blacksmithing here at Heritage Hill! I am currently a nursing student at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown SD with the intent to work in the ER in Sioux Falls SD while working to get my Emergency Nurse Practitioner license. However, when I am not at school I like to come home and work on my blacksmithing skills and work on the projects I have amassed here. I have a 1910 Little Giant 25lb power hammer that I have been working to restore for the show coming in June that is nearly done and will be a fun addition to the Heritage Hill! I have been blacksmithing for 4 years now, and it was last year that I got involved in Heritage Hill through an invitation from Sam Ashling to do a demonstration for a day. I like the Hill because of the people who run it and how they keep their passion for history alive and running. I'd like to help renew the blacksmith shop and to be involved in whatever needs to keep Heritage Hill active and known in the community. I intend to be around for a long time and to show those interested in blacksmithing how to work steel and have a good time doing so! – Elijah Fjerkenstad

On Behalf of Heritage Hill, we would like to thank Elijah Fjerkenstad for breathing new life into our blacksmith shop. It is terrific to see it being put to use by such an amazing person. We look forward to seeing what it will be formed, bent, twisted, heated, and forged into, Elijah! Thank you!

