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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Dear Heritage Hill Members,

I'm happy to write to you today and say that Abby and I's big move from South Dakota to Minnesota was a great success! Moving an entire collection of equipment, clothes, furniture, and memories across state lines is no small task, but thanks to the many helping hands of our dedicated friends and family, we made quick work of it. It is quite difficult to realize how much stuff is accumulated in a home until you decide to move. I had 5 pickup truck loads and an entire 53-foot-long SEMI TRAILER full! Never did we ever believe everything we owned would take up as much space as it did... but the teamwork and willingness to step up from family and friends when needed truly showcased the love Abby and I have in our lives. Whether you helped load, haul, unload, or organize, your efforts did not go unnoticed, and I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Thank you!

This same spirit of teamwork will be just as important as we look ahead to the 2025 Heritage Days. A successful event takes the combined effort of all our members, just like our big move did. When everyone pitches in—whether it's setting up displays, running exhibits, helping with parking, cleaning buildings, or lending a hand wherever needed—the show runs smoothly and is enjoyable for all. Our club has always been built on volunteerism and a shared love of preserving history, and it's that dedication that will make this year's event another great one.

Let's keep that momentum going and carry the same teamwork and enthusiasm into Heritage Days. If we work together like we did during my interstate move, I have no doubt this year's show will be one of our best yet. Thank you all for your hard work, and I look forward to another great year at Heritage Hill!

I am excited about seeing you all at the **next membership meeting on Saturday May 10th at 10am in the Heritage Hill Thresher's Kitchen.**

Best regards, Grant Schmieg



MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting – **March 2, 2025** Via ZOOM

Membership Meeting – May 10, 2025 at 10:00am – Thresher's Kitchen

Christmas Party

Heritage Days 2025

June 20-22, 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT: November 2024 Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

HERITAGE HILL TREASURER'S REPORT February 2025

Financial Statement: February 1, 2025

Internal Accounts

\$127,442.47	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$14,000.00	Farming Fund
\$15,000.00	Insurance Premium Fund
\$161,310.47	

Depository Accounts

\$1,113.02	MinnWest Bank - Checking
<u>\$160,197.45</u>	MinnWest Bank - Savings
\$161,310.47	TOTAL

Operating Statement

\$161,310.47 Balance: February 1, 2025

RECEIPTS

\$73.73	Interest Paid
\$73.73	TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$192.87)	Grounds Maintenance
(\$63.00)	Office Expense
(\$140.00)	Electricity
(\$395.87)	TOTAL

\$160,988.33 Balance: February 28, 2025

Financial Statement: February 28, 2025

Internal Accounts

\$127,120.33	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$14,000.00	Farming Fund
\$15,000.00	Insurance Premium Fund
\$160,988.33	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$717.15	MinnWest Bank - Checking
<u>\$160,271.18</u>	MinnWest Bank - Savings
\$160,988.33	TOTAL

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: Katelynn Ashling, Secretary

DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: March 2, 2025 Katelynne Ashling, Secretary

The Board of Directors Met Sunday March 2nd, 2025, via zoom

Members Present: Schmieg, Peterson, Katelynne Ashling, Hamann, Lagred, Grube, Kyle Ashling, Miller, Preusser.

Treasurer's Report: Peterson presented the March treasurer's report. MSP Preusser/Kyle Ashling to accept the report.

Secretary's Report: No edits were made to the February Director meeting minutes. MSP Kyle Ashling/Miller to accept the report.

Saw Blades: The blades need to be sharpened. Schmieg will coordinate with James Lee to bring the saw blades to northern MN where he has a guy that can sharpen them.

Engine Coin: MSP Schmieg/Hamann to purchase this year's engine coin for \$374.00. The coins will be shipped upon check payment which was sent March 3, 2025.

Advertisement: Schmieg currently has some more postcards to divide up between members. They are the same as the ones that were handed out last fall. If you're going to Le Sueur Swap Meet, try to get some postcards before so you can hand out! By passing out postcards. Many members will be going so it will be a good opportunity to advertise. We have been looking for a different place to have posters printed and the Appleton Press was checked into. A design is getting made and we will have a proof soon, plenty of time before this year's show to get put in gas stations, restaurants, any place of business so people can see! Stay tuned for more info.

Playground: Plans have begun to ramp up with the playground that was graciously donated last fall by Mark Kellen. Thank you again! Peterson checked into the insurance for the playground equipment, she is waiting to hear back on what material is required to be placed underneath the equipment. Hopefully there will be more info soon. Construction of the playground will hopefully be underway this spring!

Activities: Some of the activities schedule was discussed and the times in which some of them are occurring. We are trying to increase the information on our schedule so our days can have more milestones spread out throughout the day, hopefully keeping more people on the grounds longer. One goal is to hopefully ensure that these activities happen. A few things on the schedule so far include: bingo, plowing, threshing, pedal pull, tractor pull, sawing, parade, Prony brake, etc. If you think certain things should belong on the schedule PLEASE contact a board member to get it on there.

Steam Engines: It was also discussed who was bringing steam engines, and there were quite a few potentials. We as a club are blessed to have wonderful people and operators coming and getting involved in our show.

Pedal Pull: Schedule has been set for 9:30am registration, 10+00am pull starts. This will take place in front of the stage; in the event of weather it will be in the middle of the Chippewa building.

Prony Brake: Sam Ashling would be willing to run it throughout the weekend, as long as he gets some help. We have quite a bit of members who are willing to run tractors and engines on it.

Signage: An idea was brought up about welding together some sign holders for advertising hard signs on the pulling track, with the idea of targeting local businesses and getting local places involved.

Tractor Pull: Joe Schumacher is in charge of the tractor pull. He is to be contacted for further info. It will be taking place down at the pulling track at 5pm on Saturday night of the show. The only thing that has not been currently decided is what to give as a prize to tractor pull winners. Last year we did cups, this year we would like to do something different. Please contact him with any ideas.

Raffle Tickets: The raffle tickets are currently sitting in the kitchen. If you are attending any spring shows or swap meets like Le Sueur please grab some books and get to selling!!

Local Volunteers: We recently received a letter from the Montevideo School asking clubs if they need projects completed by students, teachers, and parent volunteers. They are looking to give back to the community, by completing different tasks like painting and cleaning. Peterson is going to contact them back asking to help clean buildings, paint a few things, and overall just assist in getting the show grounds ready for the show.

Membership Meeting: The next membership meeting will be Saturday May 10th, 2025, at 10am located in the Heritage Hill Thresher's Kitchen.

Clothing Budget: Clothing sales went well last year and a restock is needed. MSP Kyle Ashling/Schmieg to approve the clothing budget for \$1,000.

Adjournment: MSP Lagred/Peterson to end the meeting.

