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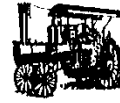
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# November 2025

## PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Dear Heritage Hill Members and Friends,

As we roll into the final stretch of harvest, many of us are wrapping up those last acres and are feeling the shift as colder weather starts to settle in. I know I still have a few outdoor projects of my own that I'm racing the frost to finish—hopefully I can get them buttoned up before winter fully takes over. I'm sure many of you can relate!

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out for our annual Plow Day. It was wonderful to see so many members and friends gathered together in the field. A special thanks to all who brought tractors and plows—events like this don't happen without you. And thank you as well to those who contributed soup for the potluck; it hit the spot on a cool fall day and added to the great atmosphere.

Even as the season slows down, my mind hasn't. I've been brainstorming ideas, improvements, and project possibilities for Heritage Hill—things we can tackle in the spring, discuss over the winter, or prepare for ahead of next year's show. These colder months may quiet the grounds, but they're always a good time to plan and dream a little. I'll keep thinking, sketching, and scheming, and I welcome any ideas you'd like to share as well.

Looking ahead, I want to remind everyone about our annual Christmas Party on January 24th, 2026, held at The Hilltop in Dawson, MN. It's always a great evening of food, fellowship, and a chance to reconnect without the rush of summer show season. More details will be coming soon, but be sure to mark your calendars now!

Stay warm, finish those last-minute projects if you can, and enjoy the transition into the winter season. I appreciate everything you all do for our club and for keeping Heritage Hill the special place it is.



**Best regards, Grant Schmieg, President**

## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting – December 7, 2025 at 7:00pm via Zoom  
Membership Meeting –  
Plow Day –  
Christmas Party – January 24, 2026 at 5:00pm – Hilltop, Dawson, MN  
Heritage Days 2026 – June 19-20, 2026

## TREASURER'S REPORT: October 2025 Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

### HERITAGE HILL TREASURER'S REPORT October 2025

#### Financial Statement: October 1, 2025

##### Internal Accounts

\$106,740.79	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$0.00	Farming Fund
\$0.00	Insurance Premium Fund
<b>\$111,608.79</b>	

##### Depository Accounts

\$1,643.95	MinnWest Bank - Checking
\$109,964.84	MinnWest Bank - Savings
<b>\$111,608.79</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

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#### Operating Statement

**\$111,608.79** Balance: October 1, 2025

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
\$1,375.00	Donations	(\$184.82)	Grounds Maintenance
	Membership		
\$205.00	Dues	(\$139.36)	Office/Postage/Printing
\$300.00	Miscellaneous	(\$133.60)	Electricity
\$46.70	Interest Paid	(\$90.00)	Taxes
<b>\$1,926.70</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$547.78)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$112,987.71** Balance: October 31, 2025

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#### Financial Statement: September 30, 2025

##### Internal Accounts

\$108,119.71	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$0.00	Farming Fund
\$0.00	Insurance Premium Fund
<b>\$112,987.71</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

##### Depository Accounts

\$2,976.17	MinnWest Bank - Checking
\$110,011.54	MinnWest Bank - Savings
<b>\$112,987.71</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer 10/25/2025

Number of members in attendance – 31

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am by President Grant Schmieg.

The pledge was recited by membership in attendance.

Secretary Report was given by Grant Schmieg – M/S/P Miller/Schumacher

Treasurer Report was given by Liz Peterson – M/S/P Lagred/Fjerkenstad

**Elections** – There were no motions on the floor for nominations for the open positions. Ballots were handed out for voting.

**RESULTS:**

- President: Grant Schmieg
- VP: Joe Schumacher
- Secretary: Abby Schmieg
- Treasurer: Liz Peterson
- Board: AJ Burgi, Becky Miller, James Lee

A motion was made to fill the vacant spots of Vice President and a board member effective immediately by the newly elected. M/S/P Schmieg/Miller

**2025 Show Reviews** – There was a lot of feedback given for the show. A lot of positive feedback from attendees and vendors. We heard a lot of compliments about our clean show grounds, the social media outreach, and so much more. We are happy to hear all the reviews from all around to let us know where we are doing great and where we need to improve. Some things that we have heard that need to improve is better membership involvement, local advertising for the tractor pull, being more active in local communities for their parades and celebrations, improve and/or streamline the tractor pull registration, and keeping to the schedule that we set. These are goals that we are going to try and address for the 2026 show.

**Safety Measures** – There are quite a few areas of concern for safety around the grounds. Exposed chains on moving equipment, parts laying around the grounds that need to be cleaned up, and the wood pile needs to be cleaned up or moved due to issues at the show. These are projects that will be chipped away at as time allows. If you notice that something in your area of display/building needs addressed, please take initiative to take steps to make it safe for you and for our attendees. If you need help, please reach out to a board member.

**In Search Of** – We are looking for more concrete barriers for track area. If you know of any that are willing to be donated, please let us know.

**2026 Show Planning** – Our show is set for June 19 and 20, 2026. Our feature is set for Minneapolis Moline and associated lines and Associated Gas Engine features. The Pedal Pull has been set for 10 am on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be asking for the petting zoo to come back to our show as this was a huge plus for family friendly activities this last year.

**Miscellaneous Information**– The skid steer went in for a free inspection that Grant Schmiege won during the show. Everything came back in good standing. Some exhaust work was done, and it has been working hard during plow weekend so far.

**Wedding Venue Update** – There have been a few weddings on the grounds over the past year. We have had a lot of valuable feedback from those who hosted their events at our grounds. We are trying to make our showgrounds more known for things like this as we have great facilities and space that can be utilized. We are looking at creating an event committee to help get things off the ground with planning and preparing for events on the grounds. If you are interested in helping, please contact Becky Miller.

**Grounds Storage** – As a reminder, storage on the grounds is not free. If you have items that are stored in the sheds, please either use, show, or remove items or you may receive a bill for storage fees.

**Playground Equipment** – We are wanting to get the playground assembled around spring. Dan Moist has sugar sand available that he would be willing to donate if we can find a way to load and haul. We are looking for someone who may have some time and/or equipment to help us haul once we break ground and begin set up. If you are willing to donate some time and use of equipment, please reach out to Grant or a member of the board.

**Fuel Barrels** – Unfortunately, we have been going through a lot of fuel at the grounds this year. We are going to be locking down the barrels more. Moving forward and it will have to be reported to the board if you are using show fuel and the purpose.

**Metal Cut Outs** – AJ Burgi plasma cut out some metal Heritage Hill signs and they are going up for sale to members. They are \$40 per piece. Please contact a board member if you are interested in purchasing. We have a few on hand and his goal is to be making more throughout the year and have them available for the 2026 show. Thank you to those of you who helped AJ complete this project!

**Lawn Mowing** – Thank you to everyone who has shown up this year to help mow the grass. The weather made this year hard to keep up with but we appreciate those who spent time on a mower, pulling weeds, trimming weeds, and helping maintain the grounds.

**Marion Ehrenberg** – Marion passed away September 20<sup>th</sup>. Marion and her husband Kermit used to display handmade tractors around the grounds. Blessed be her memory.

**Donations** – We are discussing making signs for items and equipment that have been donated over the years so that appropriate parties are acknowledged during the show.

**Plow Day** – We are going to start plowing right after the meeting. Please be careful as the grounds are still wet. Please plow only county ground and the east side of the rye field. We are hoping to stay away from the growing area as we have had erosion issues. There will be a soup cook off for lunch at 1:00pm. For those who will be sticking around, there will also be a potluck supper in the kitchen at 7pm followed by a costume party at 8:30pm.

**Fairbanks Building** – There was a window that was broken out sometime over the summer. Thank you to AJ for finding an exact fit and fixing it. Lynn is also placing in a water pump to help cool the engine during show weekend.

**Christmas Party** – Discussion was had for the Christmas party location and date. We are checking on the dates of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Hilltop in Dawson MN. If they are not able to host us on January 24<sup>th</sup>, we will look at hosting it January 31<sup>st</sup>. We are going to do Minute to Win It games again. Please keep an eye on your future newsletters for more information.

**Fiesta Board** – We have been approached by the Fiesta Board to try and work together for 2026. They are celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> annual Fiesta, and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country. We would like to see how and where we can work together and breathe life back into both organizations. There will be a special meeting following the membership meeting if you are interested in hearing what Kevin has to say.

Next Membership meeting - Spring 2026. Please watch future newsletters.

A motion was made to adjourn – M/S/P Preusser/Fjerkenstad

## **DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer 11/2/2025**

In Attendance: Peterson, Schmieg, Preusser, Miller, Grube, Lee, Schumacher

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

The Secretary Report was presented by President Schmieg. M/S/P Miller/Schumacher

The Treasurer Report was presented by Liz Peterson. M/S/P Schumacher/Miller

**Insurance** – There was a breakdown sent out to the board with what each building is costing us annually. Discussion was had about which buildings would **not** be replaced if anything were to happen to them. We talked about dropping coverage on the sawmill, log cabin, and hay shed. There are also some tractors being covered that are no longer in our possession. We also discussed raising our deductible to help save on cost. We will be readdressing insurance next meeting as well. If you have any concerns, please contact Liz Peterson.

**Show Advertising** – Grant spoke with the past president of the Jordan Threshing show. They hosted Minneapolis Moline a few years ago and they titled it “The Great Minneapolis Line” with the subheading listing out all the company lines.

**Fiesta Days** – We are excited to be able to entertain the idea of working with Fiesta events. Please see the special meeting notes for more details.

**Christmas Party** – We are working on nailing down the details for the Christmas Party. It will be held January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Doors will open at 5:00pm and the meal will be served at 5:30pm at the Hilltop in Dawson, MN. More information and RSVP's to come.

**Grounds Maintenance** – The grounds have been winterized. The water lines have been blown out, tanks are drained, pressure washer has been blown out, septic has been drained, and the dumpster is empty. Please refrain from outdoor water use if possible.

**Show Display** – We have a member who is interested in bringing their corn grinder to the grounds to make bird seed. This is a great way to have another display as well as make something that we could sell on the grounds. They would be utilizing the corn that is shelled on the grounds and then the bags would be offered for sale with our other merchandise.

**Wood** – We were contacted by the apple orchard near Monte and they have some good logs they are wanting to donate. We are having Kimm Jacobson take a look to see if they will work for our display. If they do, we will have to arrange transportation for them out to the grounds.

**Equipment Sales** – James Lee is interested in purchasing the IH Red Flare Wagon that is on the show grounds for \$175. We were using it for firewood, but it hasn't been used for a while.

**Donation Plaques** – Plaques for donated equipment are going to be made and displayed around the showgrounds.

**Adjourn** - Motion to Adjourn – M/S/P Grube/Peterson

**Next Meeting** – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom.

## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer 10/25/2025**

Kevin Wold from Fiesta Days came and spoke with a small group of meeting attendees.

He is the new chair for Fiesta Days and is in the planning stages of the town celebration for 2026. He brought up a few areas as to where Heritage Hill can be involved.

The ideas included:

**SUNDAY JUNE 14, 2026** – During the fly in breakfast at the airport, have a few engines and/or tractors set up on a grassy area on display with a few people there to run the engines. He encouraged promotional handouts as well as signs to promote our upcoming show.

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 17, 2026** – They are hoping to host a sports night this evening. They are interested in having our basketball wagon available for attendees. This will possibly need to be manned due to having the potential for having a fundraiser. I.E. - \$1 to take 5 shots.

**THURSDAY JUNE 18, 2026** – This is their community night. This is where they have their community picnic in the park as well as kids events and other things going on. Discussion was had about having our tractor drive as usual and instead of heading to Toppers, going to the community picnic instead. Kevin has a space where we can line up all the tractors and this gives you the opportunity to show off your tractor as well as answer questions or talk to local attendees about it! We talked about having our facepainting booth set up and they would be interested in having us bring the barrel train down as well for kids to ride during their kiddie parade. These would be free will donation-based events.

**SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026** – They are having a few events in the morning, and Kevin is welcoming promotional signs for our 10am pedal pull.

There was a lot of good discussion in how the two organizations can work together to help each other out. We realize that this is a busy time for those of you who put in volunteer hours around the grounds. We also recognize that we have been told by local residents that they would love to see us be more active at the events for those who are not able to attend the grounds for one reason or another.

If you are willing to put in some volunteer hours to help with any of these events, please reach out to a board member to discuss more specifics.

There will be more information coming closer to the events so please consider helping out and keep an eye open for more information.

