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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

As the vibrant autumn leaves painted the Minnesota landscape with hues of red, orange, and gold, the time has come yet again to bring in the final bounty of the year. Harvest season moving along well, and the farmers of the Midwest have spent months laboring under the sun and rain to ensure a successful outcome. The air has grown crisp, carrying a sense of anticipation and nostalgia. The farmers, bundled up in flannel shirts and warm boots, make their way to the fields. In the farming community, the autumn harvest is a cherished tradition, a culmination of hard work and patience that began in the early spring.

The cornfields, which had stood tall and green just a few weeks earlier, now rustled with the sound of dry, golden stalks. Farmers expertly maneuver their combines, gathering the last of the corn with precision. The ears of corn are collected and shelled, their kernels a testament to the dedication of those who tended to the crops. The corn would be used to feed livestock through the winter and supply local and worldwide markets.

Soybeans glisten in the morning dew, waiting to dry off with a gentle breeze. These legume's, which have been working over the season producing their small, but plentiful seed, have withstood the summer sun, heat, and harsh weather. Now mature, they are ready to be thrashed by combines of many colors and sold to be processed into numerous different products.

In the sugar beet fields, the farmers' dig deep into the rich, dark soil, unearthing beets of various shapes and sizes. These excellent sugar producers will become a staple of many dishes to come using their sweet, delicious sugar that is extracted.

As the sun begins to set on the Minnesota farmlands, sooner and sooner each day, the last of the harvest is working on being brought in. Afterwards, farmers will share stories of the season's challenges and triumphs, reminiscing about the unpredictable weather and the sense of community that had carried them through. With the harvest season coming to an end soon, the farmers of Minnesota knew they could rest a little easier, knowing that their hard work and dedication had yielded a rich and satisfying reward. The fields were now mostly bare, but the sense of accomplishment and the taste of the fresh, locally grown produce would linger on, reminding everyone of the beauty and bounty that came with the autumn harvest in the Midwest.

I look forward to seeing you at the Membership meeting October 28th 9:30am in the HH kitchen with our plow day to follow. Here is to hoping for good weather!

See you on Plow Day, best regards, Grant Schmieg



MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting Membership Meeting & 2024 Elections – Threshers’ Kitchen Plow Day – Heritage Hill Christmas Party – Watson Hunting Camp Heritage Days 2023	Sunday, November 5, 2023 – 7:00 pm via ZOOM Saturday, October 28, 2023 – 9:30 am Saturday, October 28, 2023 – 10:00 am December 2, 2023; 5:30 Social Hour; 6:00 Supper June 14 - 15, 2024
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TREASURER’S REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2023 – Leslie Bergquist, Treasurer

Financial Statement: September 1, 2023

Internal Accounts

\$19,501.10	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$10,760.97	Farming Fund
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund
\$12,228.98	Insurance Premium Fund
\$97,199.21	

Depository Accounts

\$4,908.64	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking	\$92,290.57	CAB - Preferred Money Market
		\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
		\$97,199.21	TOTAL
		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$97,199.21 **Balance: September 1, 2023**

RECEIPTS

\$44.00	Interest
\$44.00	TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$107.92)	Electricity
(\$1,863.00)	Farming
(\$78.00)	Office/Postage/Printing
(\$106.38)	Septic Service
(\$2,155.30)	TOTAL

\$95,087.91 **Balance: September 30, 2023**

Financial Statement: September 30, 2023

Internal Accounts

\$19,252.80	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$8,897.97	Farming Fund
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund
\$12,228.98	Insurance Premium Fund
\$95,087.91	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$2,753.34	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking	\$92,334.57	CAB - Preferred Money Market
		\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
		\$95,087.91	TOTAL
		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: No September Meeting

DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: October 15, 2023 – Elizabeth Peterson, Secretary

Attending: Chip Grube, Glen Coon, Becky Miller, Liz Peterson, Grant Schmiege, Liz Ashling, Kyle Ashling, President Grant Schmiege called the membership meeting to order October 15, 2023 at 7:00pm. President Grant Schmiege presented the minutes from September meeting. M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Liz Ashling to approve.

There was no Treasurers Report to discuss.

- **Special Notice Update:** The Phillips family has sold all their tractors.
- **Donation Update:** The well drilling rig is currently on the show grounds. The tools will be joining soon.
- **In Search Of:** We are looking for any older style gas pumps or company signage/advertisements that we could use around the show grounds. Please contact Grant or a board member if you have something you would like to donate to the club or that you would like to show on the grounds.
- **Maintenance:** Thank you to Alex Lamkin for all of the work he has been putting towards repairs on the Barnall Building. He has cleaned out the basement. Unfortunately, there was some things that were lost to water damage. Whatever was salvageable is currently on a hayrack inside the Swensson building. If you are on the grounds for plow day, please look and see what is available and how they can be used at the show. The foundation has also been sealed, a small stage has been built, some door latches have been fixed, and some soft spots in the upstairs floor are being assessed to be repaired. The roof to the building is still leaking after a new roof was put on this summer. Gerald Klene will be contacting the contractor to have them come out and inspect their work as it was just fixed this year. The walkway to the house is out and we are looking into options on how best to fix it. There are many other projects to be done around the grounds so if you would like to help as your free time allows, please contact Grant.
- **Christmas Party:** Christmas party is set for December 2nd, 2023. Please mark your calendars! We are still looking for ideas for entertainment or trivia. Once RSVP's are sent out, please send them back in a timely manner so that we can be sure they have enough food on hand.
- **Board Positions:** We are looking for someone to fill the Treasurer position. Extensive training is available. We are also looking for a potential Vice President. Please contact a board member if you are interested in either position.
- **Demonstrations:** We are still looking for people who would like to set up/run demonstrations at the 2024 show.
- **Plow Day:** October 28, 2023 starting at 10:00am at the show grounds. There will also be other work that can be done to help repair our grounds. ***There will be a membership meeting prior to the work day! Meeting will begin at 9:30am in the kitchen. Please mark your calendars!***
- **Royalty & President Boards:** Huge thank you to Becky Miller for working on getting our previous royalty and president display frames up to date! We should have them on display for the 2024 show.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Liz Peterson/Kyle Ashling
- **Next Membership Meeting:** October 28th, 2023 at 9:30am in the Kitchen.
- **Next Board Meeting:** November 5th, 2023 via Zoom.



Elections – 2024 Officers and Directors

The annual Heritage Hill Officers and Directors election will be held during the scheduled **October 28, 2023**, membership meetings. The following incumbent officers and directors have agreed to run for their current positions. Other HH members are encourage to run for any office as well. If you are interested, please contact any officer or director to have your name placed on the ballot. Please note currently there is no candidate currently running for treasurer.

PRESIDENT - 1-year term (vote for 1)

Grant Schmieg

VICE-PRESIDENT - 1-year term (vote for 1)

Glen Coon

SECRETARY - 1-year term (vote for 1)

Elizabeth
Peterson

TREASURER - 1-year term (vote for 1)

DIRECTOR - 2-year term (vote for 2)

Liz Ashling

Marshal Lagred

