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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings to all Heritage Hill Members. I would like to thank everybody that came out to the plow day on October 28th. Despite the gale force winds on Friday, bitter cold on Saturday, and wet conditions all weekend, we still ended up getting a lot of stuff done throughout the show grounds. We had lots of people show up to help cut firewood, pick corn, clean buildings, winterize the grounds, fix odds and ends, finalize putting stuff away, and much more. It is so nice seeing our members out on the grounds putting in hours of hard work. It gives me hope for the future of our club! Along with current members that showed up, there were numerous new ones as well. Having new faces around the grounds is a refreshing sight to see. Although we did not get

much plowing done due to wet conditions, the number of jobs that did get completed I see as a great success. Thanks again to everyone that came out and helped, it is recognized and appreciated.

Going into next year I have big hopes that we can continue to grow our membership, and involvement in the club. After having lots of conversations with different folks during the plow day, I believe that if we keep recruiting more great people each year, it will help turn us in the right direction to grow and prosper. Over the winter if anybody has any good ideas for our club, please reach out to a board member. We must continue to improve each year to stay in the right direction!

Thank you again to all the members

and friends of members that came out to the plow/work day in October. Getting projects done is always a good feeling. Next time I will see a lot of you will be at the Christmas Party on December 2nd, 2023 at the Watson Hunting Camp. The venue is located at 13070 10th St NW, Watson, MN 56295. Supper will be served at 6:00pm, the doors open at 5:30. All are welcome! More info below. Do not forget to turn in your RSVP below! If printing and mailing an RSVP is an issue, feel free to call or text me at 605-291-9551 with your details. I look forward to seeing everyone in December!

Best regards, Grant Schmieg

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting – Via ZOOM
Membership Meeting – Threshers' Kitchen
Christmas Party – Watson Hunting Camp
13070 10th Street NW, Watson, MN

Heritage Days 2023

Sunday, January 8, 2024 – 7:00 pm

April 24 – Details TBD

December 2, 2023; 5:30 Social Hour; 6:00 Supper

June 14 - 15, 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT: October 2023 - Leslie Bergquist, Treasurer

Financial Statement: October 1, 2023

Internal Accounts		Depository Accounts	
\$19,252.80	General Fund	\$2,753.34	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$92,334.57	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$8,897.97	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund	\$95,087.91	TOTAL
\$12,228.98	Insurance Premium Fund		
\$95,087.91		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

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	<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
	\$20.00	Donation	(\$268.50)	Brass Plaque/Engraving
_	\$48.57	Interest	(\$96.86)	Electricity
	\$68.57	TOTAL	(\$54.79)	Refuse Removal
			(\$110.00)	Septic Service
\$94,626.33	Balance: Octo	ober 31, 2023	(\$530.15)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: October 31, 2023

Balance: October 1, 2023

Internal Accounts		Depository Accounts		
\$16,791.22	General Fund	\$2,243.19	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking	
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$92,383.14	CAB - Preferred Money Market	
\$8,897.97	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit	
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund	\$94,626.33	TOTAL	
\$12,228.98	Insurance Premium Fund			
\$92,626.33	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank	

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: October 28, 2023 - Elizabeth Peterson, Secretary

President Grant Schmieg called the membership meeting to order October 28th, 2023 at 9:30am.

Members Present: 32

President Grant Schmieg presented the September 2023 treasurer's report. M/S/P Glen Coon/ AJ Burgi to approve the reports.

President Grant Schmieg presented the August 2023 membership meeting secretary minutes. M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Joe Shoemacher to approve the minutes as presented.

• **Membership News:** Raffle tickets are already printed and ready for distribution for the 2024 show. Cash prizes again this year. If you are interested in a book or two, please contact a board member.

Postcard size advertisements are printed and ready to hand out! Please stop by the kitchen to grab some to distribute as you are out and about.

- **2024 Royalty:** Maggie Jaenisch has expressed interest in becoming our 2024 queen. If there are any other young ladies interested in this opportunity, we encourage them to reach out to Becky Miller.
- **Demonstrations:** We are still looking for people who are wanting to set up and run displays. If you have something that you would like included in the 2024 show, please reach out to a board member.
- **Feature in Engines:** It was presented to the membership to feature stand up gas engines and have Chantel do the token art for those who display. M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Chantel Hamann.
- In Search Of: Do you or someone you know have any old signs or gas pumps that you would like to donate? We are looking for signs, old antiques, etc. that we can place around the show grounds. They can be signs from seed companies, mechanic shops, etc. Reach out to a board member for more information.

We are also in search of outdoor toys to add to our kid area- small slides, outdoor riding toys, frisbees, little tykes play centers, etc. If you have anything you would like to donate, please reach out to a board member.

- Maintenance Update: Due to substantial water damage in the Barnell Building, the basement had to be cleaned out.

 All items that were salvageable are on a hay rack inside the Swensson building. Thank you to Alex Lamkin for all of the hard work he's done to clean out as well as repair and improve the space.
- **Photo Boards:** Huge thank you to Becky Miller for updating the president and queen photo boards in the kitchen. The frames should be completely up to date and on display for our 2024 show.
- **Phillips Building:** The Phillips family has sold all of their tractors. There is currently no set purpose for the building so if you have any ideas, please reach out to Grant or a board member.
- **Apparel:** It was brought before the membership that the club has about sold out of all apparel that was on hand. Liz Ashling put together numbers and proposed to the club an investment of \$2500 to order in an array of styles and sizes of Heritage Hill apparel. M/S/P Marshal Lagred/Becky Miller to invest for the 2024 show.
- **Kids Activities:** We are looking to add more activities for the children on the grounds. Dan Moist stated he has sand available for where the corn pit was if someone is available to haul it to the grounds.
- Joe Schumacher mentioned using an old gravity box and constructing a mobile basketball hoop. Dan Moist said he would also donate a hoop ad AJ Burgi mentioned he has basketballs that could be donated. There was a suggestion made to use a gravity box that is already on the show grounds. M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Chantel Hamann
- Entertainment: The idea of a band was proposed once again to the club. There was discussion held about costs and it was presented to the membership to pursue The Red Letter Band on the condition that we host a free will donation during the performance to try and recover some of the funds spent. M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Becky Miller
- Christmas Party: Mark your calendars for December 2nd, 2023. The Heritage Hill Christmas Party will be held at Watson Hunting Camp. *RSVP's will be needed for food.* Please let Grant know if you will be able to attend.
- **Thank you:** Thank you to Glen Coon for his service in filling in the Vice President position. We appreciate all the work you have put in!
- Election Results: Elections were held today and the results are as follows:

o President: Grant Schmieg

Vice President: Joe Shoemacher

Secretary: VacantTreasurer: Liz Peterson

o Director: Liz Ashling and Marshal Lagred

Adjournment: M/S/P Alex Lamkin/Kyle Ashling

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

Attending: Chip Grube, Glen Coon, Becky Miller, Liz Peterson, Grant Schmieg, Liz Ashling, Kyle Ashling, Chantel Hamann, Marshal Lagred

President Grant Schmieg called the membership meeting to order November 5, 2023 at 7:00pm.

President Grant Schmieg presented the minutes from the October meeting. M/S/P Liz Ashling/Chantel Hamann to approve. There was no Treasurers Report to discuss but it will be included in the newsletter.

- Plow Day Update: Plow Day was not as successful as we had hoped. The grounds were frozen so plowing was not able to get done. However, there was plenty of wood cut, corn picked, and other projects completed.
- **Grounds Update:** The grounds have been winterized. That includes water blown out from the lines. If you happen to be on the grounds, please do not use the water.
- 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.

- Christmas Party: Please RSVP to Grant by November 26th if you plan to attend. The meal choices this year are:
 - Steak and potato
 - Chicken and rice

There will also be 2024 Steiner Calendars available at the party. Thank you to Chip Grube for reaching out to them to obtain those!

- **Apparel Update:** Liz Ashling was advised to wait until after the 1st of the year to see the new products and colors that become available. She will provide an update after that time.
- Show Entertainment: Marshal Lagred updated that he had spoken with the Red Letter Band for the Friday night entertainment at the grounds. They are available and have agreed to come out.
- Adjournment: M/S/P Glen Coon/Chantel Hamann
- Next Membership Meeting: April 2024 (Please watch the newsletter for details)
- Next Board Meeting: January 8, 2024 via Zoom

Christmas Dinner and Family Gathering

Saturday, December 2, 2023 Watson Hunting Camp 13070 10th Street NW, Watson, MN 56295 Doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00, activities to follow.

Meal Choices:

- Steak and Potato
- Chicken and Rice

Registration:

- Due: Sunday, November 26, 2023
- Cost: \$8 per person
- Send check payable to: Heritage Hill, Post Office Box 226, Montevideo, MN 56265

Question or RSVP by Phone:

Call or text Grant Schmieg, 605-291-9551

2023 Heritage Hill Christmas Party Registration			
Registration and payment due by Sunday, November 26, 2023			
Mail to: Heritage Hill Post Office Box 226 Montevideo, MN 56265 Cost: \$8.00 per plate			
Name(s):			
Number of meals: (note if gluten-free required)			
Steak and Potato Chicken and Rice			