

MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2025

Attending – David Dauphin, Bruce Murphy, Gabe Jones, Sarah Jones, Karen Hastings, Angy Lombara, Deb Reilly and Tom Hastings

Next meeting: September 16, 2025 at the Museum at 6:30

Secretary's Report

The minutes of July 15, 2025 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance	\$18,939.37
Credits:	
Rock Swap Bake Sale	\$2,034.51
More Than a Thrift Store	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$4,034.51
Debits:	
Keene Signworx	\$ 227.50
Gilsum Rec Committee	<u>150.00</u>
	\$ 377.50
Ending balance	\$22,596.38

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Update from REVO Casino

There was a photo op at the casino that several members attended. The casino has asked to update their mailing list. Sarah will send the list to REVO.

Membership

We need to update our current paid and honorary members' mailing list. The mailing list goes out to several people. We should send an email to see if the non-active membership want to renew their membership. Angy, as membership chair, will send out an email asking people to send us a check for \$10 for single a member and \$20 for family. The Historical Society's mailing address is P O Box is 41. Louis LeClair is the only non-active member who pays dues. We will update our list in October.

Building Committee update

Bruce and David checked the old Fire Station to see if the trash from the painting of the Museum has been removed. Jonathan of Ellis Painting will pick up the trash in the Fire Station. If anyone wants to mow at the Museum, there is a mower in the Fire Station. Karlene and Richard donated a mower to the Historical Society. The area next to the Museum is difficult to mow because there are rocks in that area. The people next door let their dog crap in the right way area. Dan Graham will be looking at the gutters on the building and also will look at the floor where it bounces as you enter the Museum.

Bottoms of the chimneys are starting to loosen up and we may need to have a mason look at them. If they are not too far gone, we could lime wash the chimneys. The lime goes back into the mortar and that should rehardens it. Gabe will look into. We have a couple of dead trees that need to be looked at that will need to be removed. A tree person will be coming to give us an estimate for the cost of removing the trees.

Museum dates and coverage

Tom and Stephanie will cover the Museum on August 23 and Angy and Jim will do September 6. David or Tom will cover September 20. As of today's date we have had 17 or 18 people visit the Museum over the summer plus the 6 people that were manning the Museum.

Use of Blacksmith Shop

We need to put the wooden items back in the Blacksmith Shop and then treat the powder post beetles. Gabe treated his own barn for powder post beetles with an insecticide from Home Depot. David will look into that.

Member input

Over the past few months we have discussed renting tables for a flea market at the Blacksmith Shop. We discussed that we should have general liability insurance. David contacted an insurance agent that gave him a quote of \$347 per year for general liability insurance.

After MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, we voted to purchase a general liability insurance policy for a cost of \$347 per year. All voted in favor.

David will contact the agent to arrange for the insurance policy.

We are out of the cookbooks, historic photos, calendars, puzzles, and Then and Now Books. We will table this until next meeting. We will check to see what it would cost for us to reprint the Gilsum Vittles cookbook.

We discussed that we have \$1,465.25 in the Betty Pratt Fund for use to build the accession room. We will ask Dan and Wayne Graham to look at the area and give us an estimate to build the room.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hastings
Secretary

Phone Tree

David 209-2596	Penny & Nick 358-0491
Bruce 209-2594	Tom & Karen 352-1401
Edie 352-4288	John 398-4151
Martha 352-6576	Karlene 352-1771
Ralph 209-0700	Angy & Jim 352-5868
Gabriel & 354-8054	Jane Wing 505-7539
Sarah	Denise 903-8952
Deb 558-9588	