

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TSHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, November 19th, 2025 at 10:00am
Timothy Tomsich Community Center or Zoom (see email for how to join)

Call to Order/Roll Call: Vice President Louise Gately at 10:02am

In-Person Attendance: Linda Folstad-Secretary, Diane Meehan-Treasurer, Dianna Sundahl-Board, Richard Hanson-Board

Virtual/Phone Attendance: Mary St Onge-Board, Louise Gately-Vice President, Alan Kilberg-Board, Linda Haugen-Board, Dick Peyla-Board

Absent: Nancy Larson-President, David Desannoy-Board, Cliff Koski-Board,

Approval of Agenda and Action Items:

Motion by Linda Haugen to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

2nd by Linda Folstad

Motion carried 9-0

Meeting Minutes: September 17th, 2025

Motion to Approve

Motion by Alan Kilberg to approve the minutes of the September 17th, 2025, meeting as presented.

2nd by Mary St Onge

Motion carried 8-0, Dianna Sundahl abstained

Treasurer's Report:

- September, October 2025

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Reports:

Motion by Richard Hanson to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented.

2nd by Dick Peyla

Motion carried 9-0

Motion to Authorize Disbursements: September, October 2025

Motion by Alan to authorize the disbursements for September and October

2nd by Linda H.

Motion carried 9-0

Executive Committee: *No activity*

***Committee Reports:** (Per By-Laws, the President, or in his/her absence, the Vice-President, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.)

Standing Committees and Leaders:

1. St. Louis County Historical Society: Linda Folstad – See attached
2. Communications: Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – See attached
3. Depot Museum and Trains – Facility Management: Linda Folstad, Linda Haugen, Nancy Larson – See attached

*Train Cars

*Settlers Cabin

*Depot Museum Management

4. Fire Hall Management: Leone Graf, Nancy Larson – See attached
5. Fund Raising (Pledges, Capital Campaign): Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – See attached
6. Grant Writing: Nancy Larson – See attached
7. Membership: Linda Folstad – 138 Active Members as of 10/31/2025

Project Committees and Leaders:

1. Annual Meeting: Louise Gately, Linda Haugen, Nancy Larson – See attached
2. Events/Programs: Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – See attached
3. Nominating: (Appointed in July) – *No report*
4. Past Perfect Web Edition: Nancy Larson – *No report*
5. Soudan Mine Memorial: Elaine McGillivray – *No report*

Committee Reports Questions/Discussion:

Motion to Approve Reports

Anyone who needs to request funds for their committee for 2026, please send requests to Diane Meehan by the end of December, so the Budget Committee have it in time for budget discussions in early January.

Dianna suggested personal thank you notes be sent out for those that helped paint the train. Linda H. was given a list of individuals (Tim Larson and his crew plus others) who assisted with various pieces so that she may send them a note on behalf of TSHS.

Motion by Alan to approve the Committee Reports as presented.

2nd by Mary

Motion carried 9-0

New Business:

- Stock Donation Inquiry: Dick stated that donating shares of appreciated stock really benefits the donor because then they do not have to pay capital gains taxes. Therefore, we should encourage donations of stock and need to find a way in which to receive them. We want to set up a local account with a local broker (Nancy has talked with Ameriprise in Hibbing), so we can receive and then sell off stock donations. We need a motion to approve Nancy setting up a brokerage account with Ameriprise. There was further discussion that we should keep it local to our area and work with Frandsen Bank in Tower in the future.

Motion by Alan to approve opening the account with Ameriprise in Hibbing.

2nd by Richard

Motion carried 8-1, Dianna opposed

- Founding Supporters – Fire Hall Donations: Louise read through Nancy's report on this. Louise also discussed how the letter sent to donors should state their current donation total so that they have an idea of how much more they must give to get to the level they wish to be at on the plaque. Linda H. suggested possibly having an "Anonymous" donation option for those that do not want the recognition. Diane is going to follow-up with the Kenneth Bruce family to see if his home has sold as the Society is to receive 10% of the proceeds. Diane spoke (later during the meeting) with the law firm involved and noted that the house has not been listed for sale yet. Louise with follow-up with Nancy regarding these suggestions.

- Newsletter: Mary gave an overview of what all is included in the first newsletter and gave special thanks to Jan Davison for her assistance in creating it. There was extensive discussion on how to send the newsletter out and who all to send it to (members or anyone we have an email for).
- TSHS BOD Meeting Schedule 2026: We may want to revisit the date of the annual meeting per discussion.

Motion by Louise to approve the BOD meeting schedule for 2026

2nd by Alan

Motion carried 9-0

- 2026 Calendar: The Timberjay sends out a flyer for summer events that we could add our events to, but we would need to submit our dates to them in the spring. We have the option to do our own standalone calendar for a fee, or the Timberjay can insert our events in their summer calendar for free. Louise will follow up with them on the fee and the date they need our calendar of events by. We will want to create both an internal and external calendar of all the items we have going on throughout the year to ensure better planning internally and externally with other community organizations. Linda F. will send a follow-up email with more details so people know what types of items to send to Louise to be included in the 2026 calendar.

Adjourn:

Motion by Linda H. to adjourn at 11:17am

2nd by Dick

Motion carried 9-0

Next Board Meeting is January 21, 2026, at 10:00am.