

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TSHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, July 15th, 2026 at 10:00am
Timothy Tomsich Community Center or Zoom (see email for how to join)

Call to Order/Roll Call: Nancy Larson at 10:03am

In-Person Attendance: Nancy Larson-President, Linda Folstad-Secretary, Dianna Sundahl-Board, Louise Gately-Vice President, David Desannoy-Board, Dick Peyla-Board, Diane Meehan-Treasurer

Virtual/Phone Attendance: Mary St Onge-Board, Linda Haugen-Board (10:26am)

Absent: Alan Kilberg-Board, Richard Hanson-Board

Approval of Agenda and Action Items:

Motion by Dianna Sundahl to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

2nd by David Desannoy

Motion carried 8-0

Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2026

Motion to Approve

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026, meeting

Motion carried 8-0

Treasurer's Report:

- June 2026

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Reports:

Motion by Louise Gately to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented.

2nd by Dick Peyla

Motion carried 8-0

Motion to Approve Transactions: June 2026

Motion by Dianna to approve June transactions.

2nd by Louise

Motion carried 8-0

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 – *No report*
2. Communications: Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – *No report*
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 – *No report*
5. Fund Raising (Pledges, Capital Campaign): Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – *No report*
6. Grant Writing: Nancy Larson – See attached
7. Membership: Linda Folstad – 135 Active Members as of 6/30/2026

Project Committees and Leaders:

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

Committee Reports Questions/Discussion:

Motion to Approve Reports

Motion by Louise to approve the Committee Reports as presented.

2nd by David

Motion carried 8-0

New Business:

- Videographer Update: Six videos are completed, and two are on our YouTube channel. They will also be posted on our Facebook page and website once ready. The closed captioning text is off but it will take someone taking time to watch and correct the text for each and that was not part of the expectation and payment to the videographer. Brett Ross from Ely is the new videographer that will be doing the Annual Meeting and Miner's Memorial videos.
- Charlemagne's 52 Club Ticket Update: Seven out of thirty deposits have been made so far. Tickets need to be sold by the end of August.
- City Hall Move and Lease Agreement Update: Not addressed. Move to next meeting August 19 agenda.
- Train Depot Construction Update: They are about ready to pave but the sidewalk is the last piece of the project so that will take a bit longer to install. Other items that will be part of future work include the chimney, stucco and siding, windows and doors. These items will be part of the City's grant application to the IRRR which goes in in August.
- Lake Vermilion Bash: LV Community Bash is coming up on Saturday, August 1 from 1-4pm. Setup will begin at 11:30am, and volunteers are Dick, Al, Linda H., Dave, Louise, Nancy and Mary. Dianna offered four six-foot tables and a 20x10 foot tent along with 10 chairs. Dave and Dick will pick them up from Dianna's store and deliver them to the event for setup by 11:30am. Tables that will need manned are Membership, Raffle and Auction (two tables will be under the tent). Mary sent out a list of auction items to the Board prior to the meeting. There will also be artwork from Linda Smith.
- Approve resolution for IRRR application to Culture and Tourism Grant Program: Due on August 17th for the History Education Center Exhibit Furnishings, Collections Preservation and Accessibility Initiative and a request amount of \$30,000.

Motion by Diane to approve the application and accept the funds

2nd by Louise

Motion carried 9-0

- Approve Gundersen Trust Fund Application Submission: Request for five interpretive signs for the Depot and amount of \$8,000.

Motion by Dianna to approve the application and accept the funds

2nd by Diane

Motion carried 9-0

- Nominating Committee: Committee is made up of one board member and two non-board members. Diane and Louise are planning to roll off at the end of the board year. This means there are two three-year terms and one two-year term that need to be filled. Linda F. volunteered to lead the committee from the board with Dianna and Mary Shedd nominated to fill the community member seats. Louise will write up something to solicit new board members to be sent out as a press release. Everyone on the board will try to think of community members to approach about joining as a board member. Stephanie Ukola, who is a new Train Tales volunteer, was suggested to fill one of the vacancies.
- Annual Meeting Committee: Looking to next year, it was suggested that the meeting be moved to mid-week in August and earlier in the day with coffee and goodies served instead of a full meal in the evening. Nancy has approached Jeff Forester, who is the grandson of Teresa Jeffrey who started the Tower Soudan Historical Society, to be a speaker next year. He has written a book that the Minnesota State Historical Society published. We will keep the same date and time for this year's meeting but change from a full meal to a reception with appetizers. Members will be free and non-members will have a \$5 entrance cost.
- Review Depot Museum and Trains Facility Management Committee report for input regarding things to be done if we open in 2026: Once the sidewalks are in and Baggage Room is done, we will start moving furniture back into the Coach Car. It was decided that the Depot will not be opening this year because of the construction and unknown completion date.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 11:42am

Next Board Meeting is August 19, 2026, at 10:00am.