

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TSHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, August 19th, 2026 at 10:00am
Timothy Tomsich Community Center or Zoom (see email for how to join)

Call to Order/Roll Call: Nancy Larson at 10:04am

In-Person Attendance: Nancy Larson-President, Linda Folstad-Secretary, Diane Meehan-Treasurer, Alan Kilberg-Board, Richard Hanson-Board, Louise Gately-Vice President (10:09am)

Virtual/Phone Attendance: Mary St Onge-Board

Absent: Dianna Sundahl-Board, David Desannoy-Board, Dick Peyla-Board, Linda Haugen-Board

Approval of Agenda and Action Items:

Motion by Diane Meehan to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

2nd by Alan Kilberg

Motion carried 6-0

Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2026

Motion to Approve

Motion by Alan to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2026, meeting

2nd by Linda Folstad

Motion carried 6-0

Treasurer's Report:

- July 2026

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Reports:

Motion by Linda F. to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented.

2nd by Alan

Motion carried 6-0

Motion to Approve Transactions: July 2026

Motion by Alan to approve July transactions.

2nd by Richard Hanson

Motion carried 7-0

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 – *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 – 137 Active Members as of 7/31/2026

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 – See attached

Committee Reports Questions/Discussion:

Motion to Approve Reports

Nancy has been busy working on grants. The Past Perfect grant request to Minnesota Historical has been rejected twice. After talking with them, they seem interested in learning how we plan to handle our collection when interior improvements are made to the Depot, so Nancy and Kelsey will develop a planning grant to submit to them along those lines.

Discussion on the Depot improvements including sidewalks, ADA accessible ramp, doors and use of the Baggage Room for storage rather than exhibit space. Per Kelsey, the space should continue to be used for storage since the attic does not meet storage standards.

Work at the Fire Hall continues including lighting, ceiling tiles and painting, flooring, etc. Pieces of the ceiling tiles/sheets have been cut out and sent to California so replica tiles/sheets can be created and used in the space. The flooring in the City space will be curing so please stay off of it this week.

Nominating committee has talked to several people with interest but no commitments yet including for the two officer positions. Please send any suggestions to Linda F.

Motion by Diane to approve the Committee Reports as presented.

2nd by Louise Gately

Motion carried 7-0

New Business:

- City Hall Move and Lease Agreement Update: Al, Dianna and Nancy put together a draft agreement and sent it to the attorney Kelly Klun. It was then sent along to the City who came back with some suggested edits. Hoping to have an agreement in place come September.
- Executive Director: The following information is preliminary for Board review. Nancy and Kelsey worked on a position description together. It is proposed as a contract position at \$15,000/year. The hope is that 52 Club sales will support the majority of that cost now that things are nearing completion at the Fire Hall. A formal motion to hire an executive director will be made/brought to the Board in November.
- Charlemagne's 52 Club Ticket Update: Dick still has six tickets available, and Louise has two. August 30th is the deadline to sell the tickets by, and the drawing will take place on September 9th.
- Tower-Soudan Comprehensive Plan Survey and Board Member Individual Input: Surveys can be done hard copy (and turned in in Breitung) or online.

- Selling the 1938 Map: There was discussion of a potential revenue source of printing and selling copies of the 1938 map. Based on the fact that there are parts of the map that are politically incorrect, the Board decided to pass on the opportunity.
- Annual Meeting: There will be no dinner. Registration for members starts at 4:45pm, 5:15pm the member reception begins, 5:30pm the annual meeting starts, 6:15pm registration for the history talk begins, 6:30pm history talk starts and then the event should end around 7:30pm. Best bid winners will be announced following the history talk. Reception cost for members will be \$10; and the history talk will be free for members and \$10 for the general public. **Setup will be September 8th at 9am for anyone available to assist. Each Board member is asked to bring in a pan of pre-cut bars at some point that day to serve that evening**, and heavy appetizers will be catered through Marko Stefanich.
- Gruben's History (Dick): *Moved to September since Dick was not present.*
- Move Furniture from Man Car back into Coach Car (LF, LH): August 24 and 26 (rain date) at 10am will be when the moving takes place. Any and all are welcome to come down to assist.
- Arrowhead Library System: Louise met informally with Mollie Stanford, Executive Director with ALS, about partnering with TSHS on programming since Tower and Soudan do not have a library. The ALS program may be able to offer once per month free programming at the Fire Hall. Louise is coordinating a meeting with Mollie with other TSHS board members and community members.
 Motion by Louise to establish this partnership for free library programming
 2nd by Richard
 Motion carried 6-0
- Bash: Mary St Onge noted that not including memberships and raffle tickets, the event made \$2,200.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 11:32am

Next Board Meeting is September 16, 2026, at 10:00am.