Tower-Soudan Historical Society
Annual Membership Meeting
September 9, 2025 – 6:12 PM
Herbert R. Lamppa Civic Center – Tower, MN

-Call to Order: President Nancy Larson called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM after keynote speaker Aaron Brown's presentation.
-Roll Call: Approximately 64 members and guests were in attendance for the meeting.
-**Board Member Recognition:** Nancy recognized TSHS current Board of Directors—President Nancy Larson; Vice-President Louise Gately; Secretary Linda Folstad; Treasurer, Diane Meehan; Board members Cookie Bonicatto, David Desannoy, Richard Hanson, Linda Haugen, Alan Kilberg, Cliff Koski, Dick Peyla, and Mary St Onge. Dave Desannoy was recognized as the newest Board member, starting in July 2025 to fill a partial term.
-Resignation: Nancy thanked resigning board member Cookie Bonicatto for her 20+ years of service on the Board.
-Advisory Committee: Members were named and recognized.
-Volunteers: Nancy acknowledged and thanked all the volunteers for their good work in 2025.

Old Business:

1) 2024 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes: Copies of the minutes from 09-10-2024 were available for attendees.
2) Treasurer's Report: Copies of the treasurer's report as of August 31, 2025 were available for attendees. Account balances total was $147,797.88 as of 08-31-2025.
3) President's Report of Annual Accomplishments: Copies of the report were available to all members present.

Motion and 2nd were made to approve all three Old Business items. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1) Election of New Board Members: Nominating Committee chair Louise Gately announced the slate of new Board members:

Louise Gately	(returning)	3 Year Term
Richard Hanson	(returning)	3 Year Term
Dick Peyla	(returning)	3 Year Term
Dianna Sunsdahl	(new)	3 Year Term

Motion and 2nd were made to approve the Board members as listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Nancy announced that the historic fire hall should be open in 2026 and that the city is exploring the option of moving their offices into the fire hall. The official name will be Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion History Education Event Center.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Folstad, TSHS Secretary