

Huxley Historical Society
Annual Meeting – President's Report
April 18, 2002

Introduction of officers:

President – Jolene Lettow

Vice-President – Delila Roberts

Treasurer/Historian – Nels Nord

Secretary – Nancy Neilsen

Communications – Michele Kalsem (our communications officer duties include website maintenance, facebook entries, prepare newsletter, zoom meetings) Michele has also been involved in the Ballard Cemetery activities this year- this is included in her report.

HHS continues to support access to our Ancestry program. This is available to anyone in the community through the Huxley Library.

Our mission statement is updated to read: "To engage and support the Community of Huxley, Iowa in the preservation, education and celebration of our heritage and ancestry. To preserve for research and education, the artifacts, information, and verbal histories about the lives of the people of Huxley from its pioneer origins to the present day and into our future."

- We welcomed honorary members: Doyle Tweet, Hal Davis and David Ballard.
- Updated HHS bylaws, working with an attorney to assure we are compliant with 501c3 nonprofit organization operations.
- Restructured board and board member responsibilities.

Donations and planned participation in the community included:

- Prairie Fest support of \$500
- Plans for a memorial rock in October of 2022
- Arlene and Keith Wee donation to HHS used for display of Norwegian garments (in the Hub)
- Funds used to add a restroom in the Nord/Kalsem Community center
- Updated signage at 3C's to indicate location of Huxley Historical Society office and displays
- HHS receives funds from Story County to maintain Ballard Grove cemetery (mowing and cleaning)
- Board members meeting with direct descendants of Ballard family to pursue upgrading location of graves (ground penetrating radar to locate graves)
- HHS purchased Christmas lights for City – allocating \$40,000. Received very favorable response
- Banners for seasonal change and focus on history.
- Purchasing historical markers for the bike trail through Huxley (including Huxley history)
- Members dinner with program January 24, 2022

HHS officers working with City Committee on revitalization of downtown