

GRAND LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Annual Report June 20, 2018

Smith Eslick Cottage Camp

There is much more to be done to complete our work at the Smith Eslick Cottage Court and its surrounding Cottage Camp, but so much has already been accomplished. Next major projects include filling the Court with exciting and informative exhibits, and developing a welcome center/gift shop at the adjacent events space.



Thanks to everyone who has participated to-date, and especially to the members of the Planning Committee, the Campaign/Fundraising Events Committee, and our many generous donors and in-kind supporters. We all should be proud of our progress:

- ★ **2008** Smith Eslick Cottage Court threatened with demolition at its original site.
- ★ **2009** GLAHS purchases property at 729 Lake Avenue, at Vine Street, diagonally across from original location, another Eslick Family property, also along the “old road” into Grand Lake. Foot by Foot Campaign raises \$25,000 from Grand Lake community, and Court professionally moved.
- ★ **2011** Smith Eslick Cottage Camp (Court) placed on CO State Register of Historic Properties.
- ★ **2012** Cottage Court roof replaced with authentic materials: Grand Foundation grant.
- ★ **2013** Cottage Camp Planning Committee begins Master Planning with Humphries Poli Architects: funding from National Trust for Historic Preservation (Hart Family Fund for Small Towns), Grand Foundation. Exhibit Designing: Traub Design Associates, Inc.
- ★ **2014** Property adjoining Cottage Court site purchased for community events area, eventual Welcome Center and Gift Shop, funded by community donors, Town of Grand Lake, Grand County BOCC, Grand Foundation. Cottage Camp Comprehensive Master Plan completed. Cottage Court placed on first-ever permanent foundation: grants from History Colorado/State Historical Fund, Town of Grand Lake, Grand County, Grand Foundation.
- ★ **2015** Water brought to the site, installation of water tap and lines: grants from Town of Grand Lake, Grand County, Grand Foundation. Lawn installed by Harrington Landscapes.
- ★ **2016** Cottage Court placed on National Register of Historic Places. Cairns #3 Ditch free-standing Exhibit panel installed facing Vine Street, funded by Grand Foundation and Town of Grand Lake (haven’t yet found funding for a second sign).
- ★ **2017** Completed restoration of the Cottage Court, funded in part by a generous major grant from History Colorado/State Historical Fund
- ★ **2018** Model A automobile to be installed in Carport 3 at the Cottage Court, funded in part by GL Rotary Club, Town of Grand Lake, generous donors. ADA accessible paths to be installed at Cottage Court (still need some funding)
- ★ **2019** Panels of basic, but interesting, information and a self- guiding tour sign to be installed at Cottage Court, funded in part by History Colorado/State Historical Fund.

Displays and Exhibits

Kathy Means and her hard working volunteers develop displays and exhibits at the Kauffman House Museum.



Last year's special exhibit was "A Walk Back in Time", and featured information and displays about significant eras in the history of Grand Lake from early times to the present: Native Americans, Trappers and Hunters, Miners and so on. It was a truly informative and "timeless" exhibit; much of it has been retained but added to for this summer season, including a display of authentic arrowheads and stone tools donated by Jane Kemp. The displays have accompanying notebooks of historical articles and pictures to further inform the visitor.

Also returning to the Gallery exhibit is the cutter, a small sleigh, the foot warmer and robe. As you enter the Gallery at the Kauffman House, you'll notice a tin-lined porcelain tub, with an oak rim, brought to Grand Lake by Mary Lyons Cairns.

Mannequins dressed in authentic clothing have been added around the Kauffman House, and informative signs explaining various items. Most recently, with donations from Bob Scott, three new beds have been positioned in various second floor rooms, including an antique baby bed in the bedroom of the youngest Kauffman daughter, Margaret. You'll also notice an antique wall telephone displayed in the entry way of the House, just where folks remember there being a phone in the 1930s.



During the winter holidays, the House was festively decorated for several Open-Museum days, featuring treats and tours, from November through March. It felt a bit like a German family Christmas, as there were over one hundred nutcrackers of all kinds, like those shown waiting to be displayed throughout the House. These were collected by Romaine Wilcinski, and were exhibited in her memory.

The Gallery of the Museum features short "movies" chosen by visitors, and shown on a large flat screen at the back of the room. These include the slide show originally made for the Kauffman House and narrated by Patience Kemp, a lovely history of Grand Lake titled *Saga of Spirit Lake*, a brief history of the Grand Lake Yacht Club, and a short 1947 film of men working to make the Adams Tunnel as part of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project.

Gardens

Lynne Ludwig, sometimes assisted by Tom Ludwig, has taken on the job of pampering the gardens around the Kauffman House. She weeds and manicures at least weekly, and has added lupine and other native plants; he is the resident weed whacker. It's a big job, caring for the flower beds in front of the Kauffman House veranda, the Pioneer Garden along Lake Avenue east and below the House, and the strip of plants along Lake Street directly across from the marina. It looks wonderful, so we owe Lynne and Tom huge thanks. If you like to be outdoors, and can spare a little time, please contact our office, and we'll give you all the information you need to join the team. 970/627-8324, historygrandlake@gmail.com. Working with Lynne is fun!



Outreach and Education

The Historical Society sent a Spring Newsletter, with a lead article written by Board member Steve Batty, to Grand Lake post office boxes, the postal route along highway 34, and about 100 other members and friends living away from Grand Lake. We also send monthly E-Blasts with news of historical interest and news of upcoming events. If you are not receiving our monthly news flashes, please do send your e-mail address to us at historygrandlake@gmail.com, so we can add you to our list.

Did you know that we will try to have a docent available to conduct special Kauffman House tours for any number of people at any time of the year? Just contact us at 970/627-8324 or at historygrandlake@gmail.com, and we'll hope to accommodate.

Informative presentations, with great pictures, stories, and GLAHS volunteer staff members are available for sharing with groups of any size. If you're looking for a presentation for your church or club group, or you want to have a different sort of event at you next house party, please contact. Almost any topic is possible, and this gives us an opportunity to discuss our favorite topics in Grand Lake history, and to explain what the GLAHS is all about.

Grand Lake history and the Smith Eslick Cottage Camp were featured in the PBS program *Colorado Experience: Mountain Escapes* last February.

We participated in the Grand Beginning's annual Children's Fair, which was great fun; kids made Victorian-style thaumatropes, and tried out a rotary dial phone and the ever-popular nutcracker as they lived a bit of history old and more recent.



You can now check out a pass for admission to the Kauffman House Museum from Grand Lake's Juniper Library, as part of an outreach effort by the Grand County Library District.

The Grand Lake Area Historical Society is often asked for advice, photographs, historical information about historic properties, artifacts, people, and we help as we can. We also offer support for other historical concerns or projects, often in a letter or by donations of books or other Gift Shop merchandise for their benefit events.

Finance

Patti Stahl chairs the Finance Committee, with board members Frank Reardon and Deb Bondi. During last year, we worked with Jan Knisley at Edward Jones in Granby, and are grateful for her advice and that of Diane LeDuc who helps unsnarl our QuickBook concerns. This committee conducts the annual informal audit, and to prepares many varieties of reports as needed.

The Grand Lake Area Historical Society, an all-volunteer 501(c)3, receives its operation and project funding from essential memberships, admissions at the Kauffman House, and invaluable generous donations and grants. We now participate in a new fundraising effort; Jim Cervenka, with Elin and Jim Capps, spent a day promoting Grand County Gives, a first regional fundraising effort.

Office

Our continually busy main office computer with its ever-growing store of historical information was updated in the past year: addition of a cloud backup system and a better second hard drive, updating of some key management systems, and the like. Kathy Means acted as the coordinator for these very necessary upgrades, and all's better now.

Collections and Accessions

Kathy Means serves as the Collections Manager; she has able assistance from Rudy Perez who donates a morning each week to accession items into the computer data base. There are still items in our collection which need further research. If you are interested and want to help with learning more about the historic items in our collections, please contact us. During the last year we have received more wonderful items into the collection. We are reminded that history is being made every day. Items that we remember being used in our own homes or those of our parents will amaze and educate the younger folks of today.



Jane Kemp, from the James Cairns family, donated all the records from the Cairns Store, the 1881 first store in Grand Lake. Other treasures in this enormous donation include Mary Lyons Cairns scrapbooks and correspondence, wonderful antique clothing items, various legal papers, Indian artifacts and much, much more.



Books belonging to Franklin Huntington, early Grand County surveyor, cornhusk and costume dolls from Penny Dibble, photos of a 1978 high school senior trip at the old Eagle Lodge from Annette Barber, local photos from the Downs Family were added to the collections. More recently, we have three beds from Bob Scott for use in the Kauffman House, many 1930s-40s postcards from Bill Shelby, a fringed leather jacket from Sara Moran, and an opera chair, oil lamp and lace up turn-of-the-century

woman's shoes from Aurel Burtis.

We received photos and negatives of a 1956 vacation trip in Grand Lake from Michael Gibbons, vintage Singer sewing machine items from Melinda McKinney, and an antique baby buggy, rocking horse, ironing board and iron all from Max, Tatyana, Tom and Lynn Ludwig of the Rapids Lodge.

The Historical Society accepts donations which have historical significance to the Grand Lake area. We are able to help you preserve your family history by digitizing photos and records if you are willing to share them with the historical society and you can keep the originals.



Again, we would be thrilled and grateful if you could spend a little time to help research, archive and document historical items, or record genealogies into our computer. It is fascinating and vitally important work with a little on-the-job training needed. Please consider this, and call Kathy at 970-627-8324. Thanks.

Website

The web master is Kathy Means. Kathy regularly adds photographs, historical information, complete records of past exhibits, recent emails, newsletters and more to the site. You can become a Member or Donate via PayPal to either the Cottage Camp Project or the GLAHS General Fund. You can scroll through wonderful historical pictures, explore genealogies, purchase books, and download the "Walking Tour of Grand Lake" or various historical pieces like "Survivors". This is a terrific source for our area's fascinating history. The site has received much praise, and has become very popular. Take a look! www.grandlakehistory.org

Building Committee

Our buildings - the Kauffman House and the Smith Eslick Cottage Court - sometimes need the same sorts of repairs we all must occasionally make in our homes. For example, at the Kauffman House in



the last year we hung and wired for stability a Quilt Trail Square on the informative sign just outside the House, replaced bulbs and track systems as needed, changed out a kitchen ceiling light, shoveled a bit of snow, and repaired the front door screen. This work and more was done primarily by Rudy Perez, Deb Bondi, Kathy and Bob Means, Jim Cervenka, Bart Hill and Jim Capps. After years of spider web concerns, we contracted with professional exterminators, and have finally eliminated our spider problem. We had to wait until swallows that were nesting under the veranda roof had gone away for the winter so Bart could fill their nest “doorway” to discourage their nesting their again. A stalwart group of volunteers worked

for Town Beautification Day to get the House, inside and out, ready for the season: thanks to George Sedlacek, Sandia Bruton, Patti Stahl, Deb Bondi, and Jim and Elin Capps.

Bart did quite a bit at the Cottage Camp as well - installing an antique stove, tipping the very heavy picnic tables so winter snow would slide off the surfaces, and generally checking the site throughout the winter. We are very lucky to have Karen Rempel on the team, and thank her for her work cleaning the Kauffman House before we open each Spring and throughout the season.

Bart Hill acted as Building Chairman during part of the year, but can't keep doing so. We NEED a volunteer willing to act as Building Chairman! This person(s) should ideally be a full-year resident, have time to check the buildings once a month or so, and either do repairs or organize other folks to do them. We'd be grateful if you could help fill this very important position. Give us a call at 970/627-8324, or call Jim Cervenka at 970/531-8117, or email us at historygrandlake@gmail.com.

Books and Merchandise

Malene Mortenson serves as Chair of this committee, which purchases books and other merchandise for the small Gift Shop at the Kauffman House. Available in the gift shop, and many other locations around town, is our four-fold brochure, a mini “Walking Tour of Historic Grand Lake”, which offers visitors information primarily about Grand Avenue historic properties. Liza Cervenka, Allison Mayfield, and Sharon King handle distribution of the “Tours” when Malene is away.

A larger, more inclusive *Walking Tour of Historic Grand Lake* can be purchased from the museum gift shop for \$5.00. Recent additions to the merchandise in the Gift Shop include the Grand Lake history-mystery for older kids and adults, *Turquoise Summer* by Mary Beth Lagerborg, *Rollins Pass* -the history of what was once the highest standard-gauge railroad, *A to Z: Your Colorado History Alphabet*, *Go Grand: Seven Tours Through Grand County History*, *Around Rocky Mountain National Park* in postcards, and the only novel written by historian Mary Lyons Cairns, and set in 1918 Grand Lake, *The Everlasting Hills*. Historic photographs, many taken from glass negatives, and various maps are also available.

Associations

The GLAHS holds memberships in the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce, the Grand County Historical Association, the American Alliance of Museums, the American Association for State and Local History, the Colorado Nonprofit Association, History Colorado, and Colorado Preservation, Inc. We are also founding members of the Grand County Heritage Coalition, and a GLAHS board member represents us on the Colorado River Headwaters & Scenic Byways Committee

Special Events

These events are sponsored by the Historical Society, with a Board appointed committee. We are presently hoping to find someone to lead this effort. It's mostly a matter of helping to decide dates, checking to see if more supplies must be purchased, and perhaps calling folks to pitch in. If you are able and interested to take this on, please contact us at 970/627-8324, or historygrandlake@gmail.com.

In 2017, admission all day was only \$1.00 for History Day at the Kauffman House. The Kauffman House was open 1:00 pm - 4:00 for several special Town events during the off season: Thanksgiving weekend, November 24th and 25th; Winter holidays, December 26th and 27th; Saturdays in 2018 - January 13th, February 17th (Winter Carnival), and March 17th. Treats were served at all of these special occasions, and guests enjoyed their visits. The Kauffman House was also open 10:00 pm to Midnight on New Year's Eve, as we awaited the fireworks over the lake.

There are more "special events" which support the Smith Eslick Cottage Camp Campaign, and those are organized by the Cottage Camp Fundraising/Campaign Committee: Deb Bondi, Elin Capps, Jim Cervenka, Lesley Janusz, Sandy Kukoy, Lynne Ludwig, Kathy Means, Layla Schnacke, Patti Stahl and lots of wonderful helpers.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 22nd, 5:30 pm - 9, "Super Stars for the Cottage Camp" an evening of delicious food, adult beverages, excellent music from Tight Like That, a silent auction of unique items... all to benefit the Smith Eslick Cottage Camp Project. Hosted by the Ludwigs. \$50 if Reserve, \$60 at door. For directions, and to Reserve: historygrandlake@gmail.com, 970/627-8324.

July 17th, 2:00 pm - 4, Victorian Tea at the Historic Rapids Lodge \$25 if Reserve with credit card, \$30 at door to benefit the Cottage Camp Project. Reserve by July 16th at historygrandlake@gmail.com, 970/627-8324, or Rapids 970/627-3707.

August 1st, History Day at the Kauffman House. Museum admission is just \$1.00 all day!

August 19th, 5:30 pm - 9, Grand Lake Area Historical Society Annual Chicken Dinner, at the Cottage Camp, 729 Lake Avenue. The public is invited to share chicken dinner (chicken cooked on site, and lots and lots of side dishes), campfire marshmallows, wonderful music, antique and vintage auto rides and more! Dinner is \$15 Adults, \$5 Kids 12 and Younger. Drinks sold separately. For more information, 970/627-8324, historygrandlake@gmail.com

September 3rd, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. The Kauffman House Museum begins "open-weekends-only through September. Note - special tours can be arranged whenever possible throughout the year- give us a call! 970/627-8324.

November 23rd and 24th, festively decorated Kauffman House Museum open 1:00 pm - 4 pm. Tours and treats included in admission. Adults \$5, Free to Children 12 and Younger, Active Military and GLAHS Members.

November 23rd and 24th, look for the Historical Society at the Olde Fashioned Craft Bazaar!

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December 31st, Kauffman House Museum open 10:00 pm - Midnight as we await the fireworks over the lake. \$5.00 per person, treats and tours included.

Nominations to the Board of Directors

The three year terms of Steve Batty, Gary Calder and Jim Cervenka have been completed at this time. All three will continue as board members. Two additional board positions remain unfilled, and *we would sincerely welcome nominations from the floor this evening*. GLAHS board members are volunteers, and the Board of Directors meets at 7:00 pm on each second Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the modular office facility, 610 Center Drive, just south of the post office; meetings generally last about an hour or so. Ours is a working board, with each board member choosing to assume responsibility for some aspect of our work, and working with the others to give overall direction to what we do.

The offices, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, are filled by sitting board members.

Membership

Sharon King is Membership Chairperson, and works diligently and successfully to make new and renewing members feel welcome. She has been especially eager to encourage new business owners and young folks coming to our community to join us in keeping Grand Lake history alive. GLAHS annual Memberships are: Individual \$25, Family \$40, Business \$50, and Benefactor level \$100-\$1000. Members receive free admission to the Kauffman House Museum. Business Members are also offered discounts on any books or other merchandise purchased for resale. Also available is an annual \$175 Grand County Heritage Coalition Membership combining the Grand Lake Area Historical Society with several other historical groups in the County.

We Were Saddened...

... by the death of Charles Illsley, longtime Member of the Historical Society Board of Directors, longtime Kauffman House docent with his wife Barbara, and occasional grant application writer. We will also dearly miss Life Member Patt Rempel, member James F. Robertson, friends Robert Lavington, Norman Stauffer, and Karen Gilbert.

Docents at the Kauffman House

Docent Coordinator Frank Reardon and the volunteer docents at the Kauffman House are incredibly valuable people, the very reason our remarkable museum is open to the public. They welcome and enhance the history experience for each and every visitor. Docents at the Kauffman House this summer are a wonderful group: Melody Anders, Sally Bertoli, Ted Bertoli, Deb Bondi, Sarah Bransom, Bill Bruton, Sandia Bruton, Gary Calder, Elin Capps, Jim Capps, Rosemary Collins, Merrie Coolen, Kandi Keading, Susan Larson, Allison Mayfield, Melinda McKinney, Bob Means, Kathy Means, Ron Pace, Rudy Perez, Frank Reardon, Joel Rogers, Sue Rogers, Layla Schnacke, George Sedlacek, Patti Stahl, Lynn Turnquist, Mike Turnquist, and substitute docents Ann Bagg, Steve Batty, Jim Cervenka, Liza Cervenka, Chuck Chladek, Judy Chladek, Lucy Fitch, Kathy Klutsch, Dottie Kuster, Nancy Lavington, Nancy McGuffy, Malene Mortenson, Ann Romshek, Karen Rugen and Pat Wishart. We still need more docents for this summer... there should be two people working for each three hour, once-a-week shift, for a total of 28 remarkable, very much appreciated folks each week! We encourage you to contact us for more information: frankreardon@gmail.com, (cell) 301/980-9081. The annual "thank you" dinner for 2017 GLAHS volunteers was hosted by Tom and Lynne Ludwig, who made it a delightful event indeed.



Our Grand Lake Area Historical Society is a completely volunteer organization. Volunteers over the past year.... folks working on special events, collections and exhibits, fundraising, planning committees, and board member work, and so much more... logged thousands of hours! THANK YOU to everyone who has helped in the past year.

GLAHS VOLUNTEERS – The World’s Best!

Jesus Aguilar	Rosemary Collins	Kathy Kunc	Malene Mortenson
Melody Anders	Merrie Coolen	Dottie Kuster	Ron Pace
Janet Aley	Jim Cervenka	Jeff Larson	Jeri Peirce
Jeff Aley	Liza Cervenka	Sam Langel	Rudy Perez
Frank Appelhans	Julie Cunningham	Susan Larson	Frank Reardon
Linda Appelhans	Joe Cunningham	Nancy Lavington	Bert Rewold
Wes Arscott	Don Daley	Haley Lawson	Polo Rodriguez
Ann Bagg	Pat Edwards	Diane LeDuc	Joel Rogers
Steve Batty	Geoff Elliott	Lynda Lindsey	Sue Rogers
Sally Bertoli	Lucy Fitch	Corinne Lively	Ann Romshek
Ted Bertoli	Diane Foss	Dave Lively	Karen Rugen
Lee Boehner	Ken Fucik	Lynne Ludwig	Chris Ruske
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Elin Capps	Sharon King	Bob Means	Daryl Troute
Jim Capps	Kathy Klutsch	Kathy Means	Lynn Turnquist
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Sarah Clements	Steve Kukoy	Valerio Morales	Jan Wharton
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Your Grand Lake Area Historical Society has financial donors and pledgers of many levels who make our work possible. Your support this year has been invaluable, and we are very grateful!

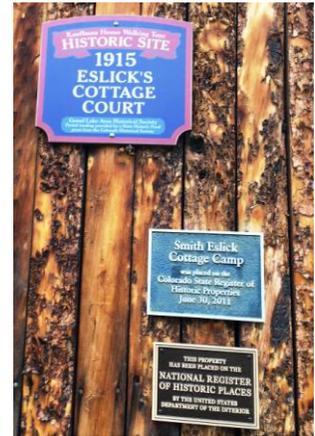
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President's Letter

I have been privileged to serve as the Society's president for about 11 years. We have seen plenty of progress in that period, including expanding the focus of the Society beyond our signature museum



of 45 years, the Kauffman House. We are readying the Cottage Court for opening as our new museum. The land it sits on will include gathering places and interpretation of the area's history. A program to bestow recognition to significant Grand Lake structures and places with a "bragging rights" designation is in the works. Presenting events to celebrate our heritage is another reason to be proud of what the Society contributes to our community.



None of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedication, hard work, and many hours of contributed work from our board members, docents and friends. Thank you. Especially deserving of thanks are our officers: Elin Capps, Kathy Means and Patty Stahl. Dennis Humphries, Paul Harrington, Diane LeDuc and George Davis contribute far beyond any compensation they might receive.

Our board members whose terms expire this year (Steve Batty, Gary Calder, and myself) have agreed to continue. Please vote to return us so we can continue to serve us all. While I am willing to serve again as board president, I believe that fresh faces and ideas are healthy for any organization. I welcome anyone who has their heart in the right place to step up and serve as board member and president. We are always looking to add to the board those who want to help preserve, protect and promote the history of the Grand Lake area. Self-nominations to the board are welcome!

Thank you Ken Fucik for presenting this year's program, to those willing to add themselves to our volunteer list, and to all the volunteers who made this evening possible.

Jim Cervenka

GRAND LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
GRAND LAKE COMMUNITY HOUSE
June 14, 2017 7:00 pm

22 Members Were Present: Carolyn Alcorn, Steve Batty, Deb Bondi, Judy Capra, Sue Capra, Elin and Jim Capps, Merrie Coolen, Mimi Fowler, Mary Beth Lagerborg, Dave Lively, Steve Loo, Lynne and Tom Ludwig, Kathy Means, Will O'Donnell, Steve and Joan Ophaug, Rudy Perez, Donna Ready, Patti Stahl, Ray Trimble. An additional 10 non-members were present for the presentation.

Vice-President Kathy Means welcomed the attendees. She explained that President Jim Cervenka was away, and thanked the attendees for coming despite the road work which made it more difficult to get into Town.

Vice-President Means introduced presenter Nancy Zoller and her husband Bill. Nancy explained that she and her Kovach family were recruited in Phoenix, AZ to work at the El Navajo Lodge in Grand Lake in early 1963. At that time the Lodge was owned by Ecil and Evelyn Scott, who purchased and enlarged the property beginning in 1957. Nancy, her sister Sharon and brother Larry, worked alongside her parents as they managed the Lodge business. Nancy talked about how very important those summers were for her, as she grew up hiking, horseback riding, boating, fishing, and generally enjoying her surroundings. She met her future husband in Grand Lake. Elaine and Joseph Kovach purchased the property in 1976, and added a bathhouse, tent area, trailer park, and trailer spaces to the already existing two-story Lodge, five cabins and seven row motel units. The entire Lodge property was torn down in 1982, and has been replaced by the Shadow Mountain Yacht Club Condos.

After intermission, Vice-President Kathy Means opened the Annual Meeting. She indicated that the minutes of the June 8, 2016 Annual Meeting, as well as the President's message, were attached to Members' Annual Report. Nominations to the Board of Directors: Elin Capps, Frank Reardon, and Patti Stahl have agreed to remain for another three year term on the board. There were no nominations from the floor. Dave Lively moved, Steve Batty seconded, all agreed to the election of Elin, Frank and Patti to the Board. Kathy explained that the president is not a member of the board, but is elected annually. Jim Cervenka has been nominated; there were no additional nominations from the floor. Elin moved, Steve seconded, all agreed to the election of Jim Cervenka as President.

Vice-President Means again thanked the Members for their attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elin Capps, Secretary

Next Annual Meeting is June 13th, 2018, 7:00 PM, at the GL Community House unless otherwise determined.