

**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
December 8, 2019**

Call to Order at 6:20 p.m.

1. October 13th Board of Directors meeting minutes – review & approval
 - a. Approved without revision by voice vote
2. Treasury Report – Jerry
 - a. Balance \$1002.97
 - b. Deborah Jayne says she never got our application for reimbursement for our meetings. This reimbursement would total \$350.
 - c. Ms. Jayne says we need to send reimbursement applications to Scott Bush now
 - d. Bob Tholkes was told by Scott Bush to send our reimbursement applications relevant to the 19th Century Interdisciplinary Symposium to sabr@bill.com
3. Research Committee Report – Brenda & Sarah
 - a. History Day
 - i. Sarah volunteers there and National SABR is sponsoring an award at the national level of History Day
 - ii. Sarah proposes we consider sponsoring a monetary prize for best baseball presentation at the state level
 - iii. Coordinator for the state History Day says we're clear to go ahead, either at both the junior high and senior high levels or just at the senior high level (likely senior high based on quality)
 - iv. We can give out SABR materials and registration forms at the event, though we won't be able to collect the kids' emails
 - v. We would also be listed as a sponsor for our prize as part of the application process for kids at the state level
 - vi. Sponsors generally give a prize of \$150
 - vii. History Day is May 2nd, the same day as our Spring Chapter Meeting
 - viii. Sarah and one other person would judge who wins the prizes we sponsor
 - ix. Jerry asked if we can invite the winner to present at a future chapter meeting
 - x. Frank motioned to approve \$150 to sponsor a History Day prize
 1. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote
 - xi. Sarah will handle the application process of getting us setup to sponsor the prize
4. Recess at 6:35 p.m. for dinner
5. Resumed at 6:58 p.m.
6. Research Committee Report continued
 - a. Brian Madigan will present his presentation at the library at a date to be determined in January or February
7. Events Chair Report – Howard

- a. Tom Ryther will be attending our spring meeting as the featured guest.
 - i. He covered five World Series and is the author of *The Hummelsheim Kid*
 - ii. It was mentioned that we should let speakers know that they're going to be alerted, throughout their presentation, as to how much time they have left, and that we should inform speakers of how long their total time slot is, and that they should leave room for questions.
 - 1. Howard says this all sounds good
 - 2. Sarah said she's been doing this already
 - 3. Stew and Howard will coordinate this for future speakers.
 - b. Spring meeting
 - i. Doughnuts for this meeting will be brought by Dave
 - ii. Howard to MC
 - iii. Brenda and/or Stew will bring coffee
 - iv. Frank will bring other beverages
 - v. Howard will double confirm Tom Ryther's attendance
 - c. A potential visit to Springers' Park to see the Cold Spring Springers amateur team
 - i. The schedule isn't out yet
 - ii. This event probably won't happen until the spring
 - d. We could travel to Rochester for a Northwest League game or an amateur game
 - e. TwinsFest is coming up
8. Newsletter Report – Stew
- a. There's a typo in the December issue which will be fixed but doesn't much matter
 - b. The January issue will be out sometime in December
 - c. Sarah please send Stew details of award for history day
9. Assistant Web Master Report – Frank, Hans, & Stew
- a. Frank and Hans are going to try and meet in the new year to talk website issues/design/changes
 - b. There's an opportunity to update the website to be more modern looking without changing the content
 - c. It probably won't be lots of effort once people have time to devote to it
10. Membership Chair Report – Jim
- a. Membership is 141 as of the morning of 12/8/20
 - b. We lost five members, and gained two, for a net gain of three
 - c. Membership committee needs to expand: to promote scholarships and take some stuff off of Jim's plate
 - d. A plea for committee members has been in the newsletter, but we should add the fact that we have an active project for them
 - e. Stew will check if there are any other scholarships SABR offers
 - f. We should try to get the list of scholarships out to a list serve or forum of history/social studies teachers to publicize them and engage students
 - g. Jim will connect with Kristen to see if she has ideas
 - h. We could maybe publicize scholarships with the story of scholarship winner Emma Charlesworth-Seiler

11. 2019 SABR Minnesota 19th Century Baseball Interdisciplinary Symposium
 - a. Gene is pretty ticked off about the undescribed fees from the caterer
 - i. \$366 for House Fee whatever that is
 - ii. \$40 of tips for delivery
 - iii. Gene is working on straightening this out best he can
 - iv. Debts are owned by SABR so any settlement with caterer goes to them
 - b. Caterer was also not ready with lunch on time and it threw off our schedule
 - i. Brenda will let Gene know to try and use the lateness of lunch as leverage to get a discount or the unexpected fees dropped
 - c. The library initially suggested this caterer, and we found out later that the library dropped them as a preferred caterer, after we had selected them
 - d. The 19th Century Committee sends its thanks to the Halsey Hall Chapter
 - e. Our attendance total was #2 out of four such conferences so far.
 - i. We were seven people short of New York, though 10 or so and 20 or so attendees better off than the other two 19th Century Symposiums
 - f. Printing costs are currently held by Gene.
 - i. Dave asked SABR to reimburse him. This is currently in process.
12. Scholarships
 - a. Previously discussed
13. Old Business – other
 - a. Darryl
 - b. TwinsFest
 - i. It's two days this year – Friday and Saturday
 - ii. Brenda has the banners and needs to get them to whoever is going to be at the booth on the first day, and needs to do so PRIOR TO THEN, since Brenda and Stew aren't going to be in town for TwinsFest
 - iii. Is Doug the point person on this? Needs to be confirmed
 - iv. We are currently presuming on a spot, we don't have one for sure yet
14. New Business – other
 - a. None
15. Next Board of Directors meeting date:
 - a. Sunday February 9th
16. Adjourned by voice vote.