

SABR Halsey Hall Fall Chapter Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2024 at Faith Mennonite Church

Board Members present: Rich Arpi, Daniel Dorff, Ed Edmonds, John Buckeye, Howard Luloff

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by President Ed Edmonds

- 1) Treasury report – Rich Arpi - Rich reported that we have about \$859 in our checking account and we are expected to earn \$20-40 after today's meeting. We are also expecting more for reaching MVP status as a chapter.
- 2) Membership report – Stew Thornley and John Buckeye, co-chairs - Thirteen people have joined the Halsey Hall Chapter since the May 18, 2024 chapter meeting: Francis Condon, Stephen Irrgang, Joey Thomalla, Theo Tollefson, Ross Bennett, Quinn Wahl, Marty Krogman, Tom Goldstein, Henry Bednar, Steven Bolster, Riley Heck, Douglas Raynie, and Andy Sjerven. Eleven have joined since the beginning of the fiscal year June 1. As of November 1, there are 191 SABR members with the Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter.
- 3) Newsletter report – Stew Thornley - The newsletter will be out promptly. Reminder for people to read the newsletters.
- 4) Book Club - There were 6-7 people at the last meeting. The next book is about the Pirates in 1960. The focus is on Vern Law.
- 5) Social Media report – Bob Komoroski - Our Facebook group has 308 members. Thanks to Brenda for streaming today's meeting on Facebook Live.
- 6) MVP Committee report - Gene Gomes - For the second consecutive year our chapter earned MVP status. The MVP status is a recognition of the events, research projects, partnerships (with other organizations and other chapters), and increasing chapter membership that our chapter is involved with. It was noted that Gene puts together the report that is used in SABR determining MVP status. Gene tracks the requirements and how we are doing throughout the year in meeting those requirements. Gene also mentioned that SABR is obligating DEI training for chapter leaders in order to educate and increase awareness of DEI factors that are important in being an inclusive chapter.
- 7) Research Committee report – Co-chairs Gene Gomes and Dave Lande - There's about 13 attendees each month for the Zoom meetings. Part of what they do is to help organize chapter meetings including lining up speakers and presentations. They also organize events at libraries and other places and also help each other in their research.
- 8) Events report – Howard Luloff - There's an event coming up at the Hennepin History Museum Nov 9th. More info in the newsletter and in our Facebook group. Some future events will include 2025 Twins Fest, townball and Northwoods League games in 2025.

9) Spread of Baseball Project - Rich - Rich goes the Minnesota History Museum on Fridays and sometimes Saturdays and others are welcome to join.

New Business:

There's a nominating committee and volunteers are needed.

Mike Haupert is putting together a procedures committee. More volunteers are needed and the work will largely be between January and March.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.