

Halsey Hall Board Minutes

12/8/25

Starts at 701

Agenda approval - Terry Moved, Mike second

Minutes approval - John moved, Howard second

Treasurers report: Rich Arpi

The current amount in the treasury is \$2,119.12. This includes a reimbursement of \$339.52 from the national SABR office for hosting our Fall Regional meeting.

Membership report: Stew Thornley

With Kat Emley and Calvin Havercamp joining the chapter, we have two new members since our October 12, 2025 board meeting.

With the addition of Kat Emley, Calvin Havercamp, Ethan Schmid, Gary Moskalyk, Mike O'Brien, and Mike Zarling, the chapter has added 6 new members since the beginning of the fiscal year on June 1.

As of December 7, 2025, the chapter has 185 members with the Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter.

Newsletter Report: Stew Thornley

The January 2026 issue of the newsletter will be out near the end of December or early January. I am on Triple Secret Probation with SABR for having used the term "No Not November" in the notice of the availability of the December issue.

Book Club: Ed Edmonds

The book club met on Saturday, December 6, 2026. Nine chapter members attend the meeting at the Barnes & Noble store in Har Mar Mall. The book discussed by the group was Robert Fitts' *Bonzai Babe Ruth: Baseball, Espionage & Assassination during the 1934 Tour of Japan*.

Social Media: Bob Komoroski

Bluesky: 70 following

Facebook: 329 members

X: 1039 Following (John)

Research Committee - Gene Gomes, Stew Thornley, Dave Lande

The Research Committee had two meetings: 16 attended in October and 18 attended in November.

The committee discussed needing a new place for the Spring Chapter Meeting and needing to line up a Guest Speaker.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2025.

MVP Committee: Gene Gomes

An event at the Ballpark Sportscard Shop was held on Nov. 1st, with 12 members attending plus 3 members of the public who are customers. This event may not qualify as a Collaborative Chapter Event, a requirement of MVP level. Another event should be planned and done before May of 2026.

A SABR Day chapter event has been planned with Willie Steele speaking about Ray Kinsela.

Several Halsey Hall members attended the DEI courses given by SABR, so our chapter has fulfilled that requirement.

Pillbox Plaque: Stew

On Friday, October 3, 2025, the Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board approved the application to erect a commemorative marker for the St. Paul Downtown Ballpark (also known as The Pillbox) that was on the corner of 12th and Robert streets from 1903 to 1910. The next step is site selection. Stew Thornley spoke on The Pillbox and the plaque project on October 7, 2025, to the Ramsey County Historical Society Pathways Gala Fundraiser.

History Day: Mike Hupert and Stew Thornley will attend the expo at the Minnesota Council for the Social Studies conference on Friday, February 20, 2026 (social with networking opportunities with teachers) at the Minnesota Humanities Center and Saturday, February 21, 2026 (expo) at Macalester College. They will talk to teachers and distribute a one-pager with information about SABR scholarships for students and others. Mike is soliciting a grant from SABR for this. So far Stew has paid \$265 for a table at the show. They would like to purchase another sign (similar to the ones we have for the Spread of Baseball and Hall of Famers who played in Minnesota). This could be around \$300.

Events Committee: Howard Luloff and Bob K

The Halsey Hall Chapter held their Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 25 at the Faith Mennonite Church in Minneapolis. The meeting was highlighted by a panel on girls baseball that featured Chelsey Falzone and Emma Charlesworth-Seiler and moderated by Mary Shea of the Ken Keltner Chapter.

The following Saturday, November 1, several members came to The Ballpark card shop in Apple Valley owned by Calvin Haverkamp who is now a SABR member.

There was a virtual event from Mark Armour on November 19. There's also a SABR Day virtual event on January 29 and I will defer to Bob on more virtual happenings. The date for the Spring Meeting has been set for Saturday, April 25.

Talked about the Gopher Baseball game at US Bank outing coming up, and eating at Henhouse beforehand

Talked about possible townball game trips

Pres on WP Kinsella - Zoom, Thurs Jan 27th by Willie Steele, authorized biographer

New Business

Bylaws Proposal

Mike Moved, Terry Second

Board passes this Proposal

Schedule Change Proposal (coming in Howard's email)

Howard Moved, Mike second

Board passes this Proposal

Discussing new Meeting Locations

Checklist for requirements

Next Board Meeting - Feb 15th! At 7p. Ed Moved, John second

Ed Moved to adjourn, 820p Howard second