

May 12, 2026, Springfield Historical Society Meeting

Minutes

The Board met at the home of Jim Bednar. Members present were Jim Bednar, Pixie Hill, Greg Bruss, Missy Patten, Angela MacCreighton, Deb Hildebrand, and Alison Patten. Jim Bednar called the meeting to order at 4:10.

The February minutes were reviewed. Pixie Hill moved to approve, seconded by Greg Bruss and unanimously approved.

Angela MacCreighton reviewed finances, with \$64,362.52 in our accounts.

Thank you notes were sent to the “Adopt an Artifact” donors. To date we have received \$4630.00 in donations.

It was unanimously approved to award the scholarship fund recipient \$1000.00. The award will be presented on Opening Day, May 23, at 1:00.

Recent Events:

The Rubber Ducky Race, held on April 25 at 3:00, was very successful with 225 tickets sold. A large crowd and great weather made for a fun afternoon.

Upcoming Events:

Cleanup museum and docent training – Jim will coordinate with volunteers on suitable dates for both activities.

May 23, 1:00 – 3:00 – Scholarship awarded, waffles served.

May 26 -31 - Gravestone cleaning – With prominent signage advertising the event hopefully we will have good participation throughout the week.

May 30 - Gravestone cleaning party and pulled pork lunch, including sandwiches, chips, cole slaw and drinks. Lunch will be free for all volunteers (Thank you stickers provided) and \$8.00 for all others.

June 11 - Ken Burns film presentation – Due to the cancellation by the facilitator for this event the date may need to be changed.

June 28 - Spaghetti Dinner begins at 5:00 followed by Ramblin Rick's "Songs and Stories". Cost: \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years of age.

Artifacts in process: The Restored Map will be ready for display by May 29. Additional money for the restoration of the Arithmetic Book was approved. Coolidge letter, Springfield postmarks and Digitizing projects are ongoing.

Communications:

The May Newsletter has been mailed to all members. Tom Cleaveland continues to update the Website and YouTube. The Tool Shed artifacts slide show, organized by Don Hill, will be ready by May 23.

Oral History project "Going to School in Springfield" is completed. It will be presented at the Annual meeting in October.

Cataloging is ongoing at the library thanks to Cylyn Revicsky and Cune Bednar. The artifacts and equipment will return to the Museum before Opening Day.

Merchandise: Notecards have been printed and delivered. Xmas ornaments will be made by Allison Patten.

Museum/The Tool Shed

Coverage – Still need coverage for these Sundays: May 31, June 7 and June 21.

Rain Barrel has been delivered. Work will need to be done to repair the barrel and connect the rain gutter to it.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 9 at 4:10 at the Protectworth Room.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Hildebrand, Interim Secretary