



Les Nouvelles Historiques de Le Sueur

Le Sueur County Historical Society sets annual meeting for April 18

All members of the Le Sueur County Historical Society are urged to mark April 18 on their calendars for the Society's annual meeting. The event will take place at 6 p.m. in the 4-H building at the Le Sueur County fairgrounds in Le Center, Minn.

"We've made great progress in 2022," said Society President Bill Stangler, "and with the help of our membership we can do even more"

There are several topics needing membership input and will be discussed at the annual meeting. A financial summary of 2022 will be presented along with news concerning some of the art owned by the Society. The historic stone church in Ottawa, Minn. has been restored and the Society Board of Directors is taking steps to rent the church for weddings, parties, reunions and the like.

The Society's major project for 2023 is the renovation of the red brick school in Elysian, Minn. The Board is asking members' assistance in readying the building for construction. Artifacts will need to be moved. More details on the project will be discussed at the annual meeting.

The guest speaker scheduled to appear at the annual meeting is Larry Korteum. Larry has worn many hats in his life. He served in Vietnam during the 1968 Tet Offensive. He is an advanced level certified master technician, a laboratory teacher at South Central College, and has served on its automotive advisory board. He is also one of CFMI's 19

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certified international disaster response chaplains in the United States. Larry has been married to his wife Trixie for 50 years; has three daughters and 10 grandchildren.

Five seats on the Society's Board of Directors are open and elections will take place at the annual meeting. It is important to note nominations for board members will not be taken from the floor at the annual meeting. LCHS bylaws state nominations must be made before the annual meeting — either by contacting a current board member or placing a nomination at the LCHS Nominating Committee meeting.

A meeting of the Nominating Committee will take place on Thursday, March 30 at 7 p.m. in the Emergency Services building in Le Center. The address is 136 S. Cordova Ave. Enter the building through the door by the flagpole.

The unfortunate passing of George Luskey has created one of the open seats.

It is imperative that your name is on the LCHS membership roster in order to have a vote at the annual meeting. If you have not sent in a membership application for 2023, please do so as soon as possible. A copy of the application can be found in this newsletter.

It is also vital at least 10 percent of LCHS membership attends the annual meeting to constitute a quorum according to the Society's bylaws. Without a quorum, no Society business can be conducted that evening and another date for the annual meeting would need to be set.

The Society Board thanks you for your support and is looking forward to seeing you April 18!

CAN YOU HELP? Society looking to 'freshen up' the log cabin at the fairgrounds

Spearheaded by LCHS board member Dean Pettis, the log cabin display located at the fairgrounds in Le Center will be undertaking a makeover in time for the Le Sueur County Fair in August.

While August seems like a long time away (especially in light of our weather) much needs to be done and many hands make for light work.

If you feel you could help with this project, let the board know at the annual meeting; or drop us a line at info@lesueurcountyhistory.org.

LCHS Board News

Plans are advancing in implementing the Minnesota Historical Society grant to repair the red brick school building in Elysian.

A notice for the issuing of bids on the work to be done appeared on Feb. 13. A prebid walk through for interested contractors took place on Feb. 28. Bids were due to the office of ISG (project general contractor) by 2 p.m. on March 14. Bids will be awarded on March 28. Weather permitting, construction will commence on April 17 and the target completion date is Nov. 15.

The new technology for the Genealogy Center has been installed and is ready to use. Watch for an unveiling of the new equipment sometime in the spring. The Genealogy Committee is meeting in March to schedule the dates for 2023 season. LCHS is seeking volunteers to help in the Genealogy Center. If interested, email info@lesueurcountyhistory.org or contact any board member.

LCHS interim board member by appointment is Ron Greenwald of Elysian. He fills the seat left vacant by the passing of George Luskey.

The annual meeting and LCHS Board elections are scheduled for April 18. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Membership Dues need to be paid by March 31 in order for the member to vote at the annual meeting.



It hardly seems a year has passed since this photo of the Le Sueur County Historical Society board of directors was taken at the 2022 annual meeting. In front (left to right) is Bonnie Reak, Dean Pettis and Ruth Collins. In back (left to right) is Mike Frederick, Bryce Stenzel, Rich Bennett and George Luskey.

As many of you know, George passed away last November. George's contributions to the board and the Society will be dearly missed; and our annual meeting on April 18 won't be the same without him.

Calling all members ...

The Le Sueur County Historical Society has scheduled its annual meeting for April 18.

Only those on the 2023 membership roster will be eligible to vote.

DON'T DELAY! Send in your application today and we'll see you in April!

Let's keep moving forward — Join the Le Sueur County Historical Society for 2023.

LCHS Membership Application

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

- Individual — \$30
- Family — \$40
- Supporting — \$100
- Business — \$250
- Contributor — \$500
- Benefactor — \$1,000

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Research at the Genealogy Center without charge
- Receive Society newsletters, updates and invitations
- Cast a vote at meetings of membership
- Dues and donations are tax deductible
- Le Sueur County Historical Society is a 501C3 Minnesota nonprofit organization with historic sites in Cleveland, Elysian, Le Center, Le Sueur and Ottawa

I can help with

- Building and grounds maintenance
- Recording inventory and artifacts
- Educational programming
- Genealogy Center assistance
- Communications

My signature on this application confirms my commitment to supporting the mission of the Le Sueur County Historical Society.

Signature _____

Date _____

Mail application with check payable to: Le Sueur County Historical Society

ATTN: Membership

P.O. Box 123

Le Center, MN 56057

For Society Records: Received _____ Reviewed _____ Approved _____



Le Sueur County
**HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

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Le Center, MN 56057

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Permit #55
New Prague, MN
56071**

Interested in joining LCHS Board of Directors?

Election of five two-year terms will take place at the Society's annual meeting April 18. To be on the board you must be over the age of 18 and a LCHS member in good standing.

All directors serve a two-year term. The Society meets every month in the evening at various locations in the county.

A meeting of the Society's Nominating Committee is scheduled for

Thursday, March 30 at 7 p.m.

Emergency Services building

136 S. Cordova Ave. E, Le Center, Minn.

All LCHS members are welcome to attend the Nominating Committee meeting. At this meeting, the Nominating Committee shall submit the names of potential candidates for the available vacant seats on the board. Nominations of potential candidates will also be accepted from the floor at this meeting as well.

The Nominating Committee will then set the ballot for election of board members. No names will be added to the ballot during the annual meeting.

Anyone interested in being on the LCHS board can email info@lesueurcountyhistory.org; contact any board member or attend the Nominating Committee meeting.

The mission of the Le Sueur County Historical Society is to collect and preserve the story of Le Sueur County — telling its history through historic sites, a research center, collections, exhibits and educational programming.