



**Evanston History Center Annual Meeting  
Minutes  
June 11, 2025**

Present:

**OFFICERS**

President: Katie Tucker Trippi, Vice-President, Advancement & Membership: Jenifer McCartney,  
Secretary: Michael Sullivan, Treasurer: Geoffrey Bonn

**TRUSTEES**

A. Louis Allred, Bob Burns, Kelly Bush, Jill Berryman Demma, Nabil Foster, Consuelo (Connie) Gillock, Kim Hamilton, Gary Kaufman, Len Koroski

**EMERITI**

Matt Struve

With members in attendance at the Dawes House and participating online, a quorum was present for the meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:10

**I. Welcome**

President Katie Trippi welcomed all in attendance and online. She noted that the past year has been one of growth, in staff, fundraising, program events and audience. Membership growth continues to be a challenge and will be a focus for the coming year. Our bylaws have been adjusted to comply with current regulations and standards and we're in the second year of our Strategic Plan, which embraces DEI as the right and appropriate path for this organization. The change in federal administration has created challenges for grant proposals, but to date donors have stepped up in giving.

Deborah Kasindorf has done a great job leading the organization, but she will be stepping down. We anticipate hiring her replacement by the end of the summer.

**II. Approval of Last Year's Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were approved without comment.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Geoff Bonn presented the treasurer's report. Our endowment increased 16.6% last year, with \$960,000 in gifts included in that rise. Like for like investments increased 4.4%. Expenses were 2% below budget. We expect turbulence in grant income to continue.

**IV. Feature Report – Costume Collection**

Costume Curator Rachel Jennens provided an overview of the breadth and depth of the History Center's amazing costume collection.

#### **IV. Election of New Trustees and Approval of Bylaws.**

Trustees of the Evanston History Center seeking new their terms are:

Katie Tucker Trippi, Jenifer McCartney, Michael Girard, Kelly Bush, Jill Berryman Demma, Kim Hamilton, Gary Kaufman, Len Koroski, Susan Turner and Matt Struve, who will assume the role of President

Trustees rolling off the Board include:

Geoffrey Bonn, Ross Mathee and Michael Sullivan

Membership approved the proposed slate of candidates and the proposed changes to the by laws by acclaim.

Katie Trippi thanked the outgoing trustee members for their service:

#### **V. Executive Director's Report**

Deborah described the growth of the organization in donors, revenue, programs and staff, and detailed the 4 collections that the History Center maintains, including the Dawes House, the artifacts in the home, the Research Room, and the Costume Collection.

#### **VI. New Business**

No new business was raised. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.