

Society of Black Hills Pioneers  
Annual Meeting  
July 24, 2011

The 122<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society of Black Hills Pioneers met July 24, 2011 with 81 members and guests present. The meeting was held at Hale Hall in Whitewood.

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Jennings. Flag salute was led by Eric Jennings. Invocations was given by Ann Thompson. Meal was served by Howdy's of Whitewood, treasurer's and secretary reports were recorded and given to members.

New members Julia, Richard and Michael Smithson introduced themselves. A moment of silence was held for 5 deceased members, Martin Jolley, Dennis Thoresen, Clarence Miles, directors. Paul Garrett and Warren Williams.

Ann Thompson presented \$500 checks and certificates to Scott Schipke, Rapid City and Michael Snyder, Sturgis winners of the Society of Black Hills Pioneers scholarships. Tyler Triplett also a winner was not present.

Jeannine Guern presented a certificated of appreciation to the Suit Sign Co, JoAnn Tibbs and Teresa Verburg, Rapid City for the 80 metal signs they have donated to the Society stating rewards for information about vandalism to cemeteries. Jeannine Guern and Vernon Davis have placed them at many area cemeteries.

Jeannine Guern said that a workshop would be help September 19 & 20th on how to take care of headstones and upkeep of cemeteries.

Janice Hoffson presented the Kam Wong scholarships to Matthew Thompson, Logan Sultenic, Gail Parrish ad Jessie Sternhagen of Lead-Deadwood High School.

Thanks was given to Helen and Rich Marsh for setting up for the meeting and Howdy's for the meal.

Helen Marsh introduced David A Wolfe who gave the program "Seth Bullock, Town Builder." Seth Bullock who was a member of the Society made Theodore Roosevelt an honorary member. Business was on the minds of the early pioneers. He was instrumental in starting businesses in surrounding towns. Having a ranch besides his other interests, in the spring of 1881, Bullock planted alfalfa, the first introduction of this crop in SD. After Deadwood had a fire in 1879 Bullock built the Bullock hotel for which he is most noted for.

Final blessing was given by Ann Thompson. Auld Lang Syne was sung by all.

Julia Kinghorn, Secretary.