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Dear Clive Historical Society Members:

Thank-you for your membership in the Clive Historical Society. Your membership and ongoing support is critical to our function and mission.

Please join us at our Annual Board Meeting on November 9, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Swanson House at Swanson Park, 8641 Swanson Blvd, Clive, Iowa.

If you have questions, please send an e-mail to [Linda8765@aol.com](mailto:Linda8765@aol.com) or contact Linda Gast – Board Secretary, during business hours, at 515-202-0991.

The agenda includes:

- Discussion of 2021 activities/events
- Discussion of 2022 goals
- Election of 2021 Board Officers

The Nominating Committee proposes the following Office Candidate slate for 2021:

- President – Mike Alowitz
- Vice-President – Claudia Howell
- Treasurer – Gumaro De Avila
- Secretary – Linda Gast
- Board Members at large: President emeritus Joan Ellis and Aric Broderick.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President during the past year. We returned to in-person activities again at the Clive Historical Society and hope for a more interactive 2022 including the return of the Fun-draiser event. I also wish to share our top three goals for 2022 at this time with the hope that you can contribute through time, references, or financially. Our top three goals for 2022 are:


**Expand board membership.** It is crucial we increase our board membership for the long-term health of the organization. A robust board promotes a greater range of opinions, better succession planning, and a larger network of event and activity planners. Reach out to me ([Alowitz@usa.net](mailto:Alowitz@usa.net), 515-321-2725) if you would like to consider joining the board or feel free to pass my information along to perspective board members.

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**Initiate strategic planning.** The Clive Historical Society is at a point where we need to plan our future strategically. The early work of building restoration is complete, and we see increasing maintenance requirements. The Board has a long wish list of activities but needs Strategic Planning to prioritize and develop a long-term plan. An expanded board prior to Strategic Planning will promote a wider range of input.

**Initiate restoration of the former Sears wagon in honor of Les Aasheim.** Les was a founding member and long-time supporter of the Clive Historical Society. With his passing, a wonderful person and an incredible advocate for the Society was lost. In discussions with Sharon, we learned that Les wished to see the old Sears wagon (closest to the train depot) restored. If you wish to donate specifically for this project, let us know. If we should receive more total donations than required, all additional funds will be used for on-site maintenance, keeping with the tradition of improving the existing facilities.

Sincerely,



Michael Alowitz