

Blaine Historical Society  
10801 Town Square Drive  
Blaine, MN 55449

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Mayor Tom Ryan  
City of Blaine  
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Dear Mayor Ryan,

The Blaine Historical Society has long been planning a book to tell the stories of Blaine – from the early Blaine township settlement – through to the current era. The research, writing and info gathering has taken much longer than expected, but we are now approaching the final stages of the process and are ready to move forward to publish that book.

We are excited to tell Blaine's story to the thousands of people who do not have long history here – and to be leaving a trail of information for future generations. Sadly, there is no detailed history of Blaine that currently exists in a cohesive form. To that end, we have a plan to publish nearly 300 photos as part of a 250-page manuscript.

The Blaine Historical Society would like to renew past conversations regarding our request support from the City of Blaine to assist with design and publication of the book. We have secured quotations for the relevant services – design, editing and printing – as outlined below:

Graphic Design & Pre-Publication Services	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Other Services – Professional Editor & Index	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Book Printing & Bindery – 300 copies	\$7,437		
Book Printing & Bindery – 500 copies		\$11,004	
Book Printing & Bindery – 750 copies			\$15,674
TOTALS	\$15,937	\$19,504	\$24,174
	300 books	500 books	750 books

We expect to unveil the cover and overview of the book to the public at the Blaine Festival in June, 2018. Publication of the book would take place in mid-to-late 2018, depending on final design and production schedules.

We would love to show you and the members of the City Council our progress – selected items we have planned for the book and answer all your questions – at a Workshop in the near future. We think you all will be excited about what you will see.

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In the meantime, I invite you to see some of our past work on the Historical Society website – [www.blainehistory.org](http://www.blainehistory.org).

Thank you for our continued support and for your assistance and consideration of this exciting project.

Sincerely,



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