

Iola Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Mishler @ 5:47 pm.

Present: Cliff Mishler, Lyle Mork, Stella Strand, Doug Watson, Tom Fucik and John Bertelson

Absent: Greg Loescher, (one vacancy)

Discussions

1. Tom mentioned that on Wednesday October 16, the Iola High School students are having a service day and are looking for projects to work on throughout the community. Tom asked the board to consider projects for the students to work on.
2. Cliff proposed designating \$5,000 of the \$25,000 donated from Maynard Stromberg to the materials resource center. He would like to be able to report to Mr. Stromberg how the funds are distributed. He also suggested designating \$2,500 to the caboose roof project and \$1,000 for the purchase of DVD's and TV's for the different buildings. No vote or action was taken by the board at this time.
 - a. It was discussed to further raise project funds with separate mailings in the fall, and also include an insert in the fall mailing of The Window soliciting 2014 membership dues.
3. Lyle mentioned the need to borrow twenty barrier stands and 150 feet of rope from the car show in order to block access to the rail road tracks during the Taste of Norway.
4. Cliff reported that he will ask for two skids of tables with appropriate chairs for the Taste of Norway. He will also get three or four picnic tables to be set up around the grounds. He will also get some garbage bags.
5. Lyle expressed the need to take out a row of desks from the school house for the Taste of Norway.
6. Doug said that the name tags were ready for the members to wear for the Taste of Norway. They will only include first names.
7. Doug mentioned there is a small TV and DVD player set up in the firehouse, and that the next building should be the schoolhouse.
8. Doug suggested that any presentation given to the Historical Society be recorded. There is a person at the veteran's home in King who has a lot of experience using a Sony camcorder for recordings, so Doug will check with him for suggestions on equipment needed for our programs. Doug mentioned that this could be used for re-enactors too.
 - a. Cliff mentioned that we need to get permission from the presenters before they are recorded.
 - b. Lyle suggested that in addition to videos, voice recordings could be made to be used with photos in a slideshow presentation.
9. Lyle suggested that the outhouse behind the schoolhouse be moved to the south-east area of the grounds in order to be more visible.
10. Doug asked about the deposition of the left-over pews in storage. Tom mentioned that the Environmental Center is now unsure if they want the pews.
11. Cliff said that the Boy Scouts have finished cleaning under the train depot. It's now up to John and Tom to spray for the powder-post beetles. Stella offered to lend them a sprayer.
12. Lyle mentioned that a fan is needed for the schoolhouse during the warmer months.
13. John said that Eric Danielson has finish setting up both the computer and copier in the office.
14. Lyle pointed out that the both the frame and door on the firehouse need to be repaired. The painter said that the lumber had been bad from the start. Cliff will follow up.

6:25pm, motion to adjourn: Doug, second by Stella. Motion carried.

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General Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2013

Call to order by President Cliff Mishler @ 6:33 pm. There were twenty-two people in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Secretary's report

Motion to approve the August 26, 2013 meeting minutes: Donna Hooker, second by Sue Halverson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Motion to approve the August financial statements: Stella Strand, second by Kathy Bestul. Motion carried.

Cliff pointed out a new section on the financial reports that accounts for the spending of the \$25,000 donated by Maynard Stromberg. He also discussed the designation of \$5,000 towards the resource center, \$2,500 for the roof of the caboose and \$1,000 for the purchase of TV's and DVD's for the other buildings.

Lyle reminded the group that this is the 60th anniversary of the Iola Historical Society.

Lee Halverson's program for the month involved shared member remembrances of Iola businesses and businessmen. Members of the audience were asked to participate by stating their name, telling where they lived, what decade they were focusing on and three businesses they had memories of. Several people got up and told their memories of the theater, the barber shop, the funeral home, the dry cleaners, restaurants and the telephone company.

General meeting

PLANNING: 4th Annual Taste of Norway, Lost Arts Fair & Chamber Fall Craft Show

- Cliff reported on the following,
 - On Tuesday, the car show will deliver the tables and chairs.
 - The tents will be put up on Friday.
 - The most recent edition of the County Post West had an excellent write-up for the event. It also has times for when each part of the event will start, and what will be available.
 - There are still raffle tickets that need to be sold, and there are yard signs available to put up.
 - Greg Loescher will be on WDUX Thursday morning to promote the show. He will also coordinate the broadcast during the event.
 - Vidar t-shirts are available for those who show up this Wednesday to help.
 - All of the volunteer vests are now here. There are twelve total of various sizes.
 - Doug Watson has made name tags for the event. First names only will be used.
 - Greg has another tent for the violin music that will be set up between the fire station and the depot.
- Joel Edler mentioned that the striping for the parking lot spaces will be done on Wednesday. Cliff indicated that handicap parking will be in front of the museum.
- Lola May Dalland said that the food will be delivered at 3pm on Friday.

Activities:

1. Norwegian Pastries; Northland Lutheran Church Ladies (Mary Ann & Marilyn)
 - a. Extra food is being made up, and more can be made as needed.
 - b. Lola May is taking care of the coffee and warm apple cider.
 - c. They will be ready by 11am.
2. Lefse Demonstration; M & R Lefse Makers (Martha & Bob)
3. Food Service; Iola Lions Club, Crystal Café, A Taste of Elegance (Greg & Cliff)
 - a. Food available will include hot dogs, pulled-pork sandwiches and pastries.

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4. Lost Arts Fair; Iola Historical Society (Lola May)
 - a. Most of the artists will be here by 9am. Cliff will determine where they go.
5. Fall Arts & Crafts Fair; Iola-Scandinavia Chamber of Commerce (Greg)
 - a. All spaces will be filled. Estimates are for sixteen or seventeen total.
 - b. A bigger tent should be obtained for more spaces next year.
6. One Room Schoolhouse "Trolls Workshop"; Norskeland Lodge 5-580 (Mary Larson & Robbie Louison)
 - a. There will be two types of crafts; one for younger children and one for older ones.
 - b. Every hour, the crafts will be stopped in order to have music and songs.
 - c. One row of desks needs to be removed to provide more space.
7. Firehouse Activity w/ Extinguisher Certification; Iola & Rural Fire Department (Chuck Fritz)
 - a. All set to start at 10am.
8. Classic Tractors Display; 2-Cylinder Tractor Club (Charlie Thompson)
 - a. Not sure how many will attend.
 - b. Don Faldet will bring a restored potato picker.
9. Norwegian travel/history video in the museum (Gary Larson)

Miscellaneous

- Cliff reported that raffle ticket sales are going well, but more are available for sale.
- Docents are still needed.
- Roger Nassen will take care of garbage removal.
- Charlie asked what would be done in case of rain. Cliff indicated that room will be made in the storage area.
- Cliff stated that handicapped parking will be in front of the museum, and 15 minute parking will be allowed in the fire station parking lot for the extinguisher checkups.
- Lyle mentioned that more help is needed for Wednesday.
- Lyle asked about the Thrivent Financial donation program, and if it is possible to get funds for the historical society. Someone mentioned that it may no longer be available, but more information is needed.
- Cliff reminded everyone that IHS vice-president nominations are still needed for our October meeting. It would be nice if multiple candidates were available.

Monday, October 28; Annual Election of Officers and Board Members, 6:30pm

- Cliff encouraged the members to consider running for the vacant Vice President position.

Monday, December 9; IHS Annual Potluck Christmas Banquet @ The Millstone, 5:30pm

7:35pm, motion to adjourn: Joel Edler seconded by Lola May Dalland. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, John Bertelson