

Iola Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Mishler @ 5:39 pm.

Present: Cliff Mishler, Greg Loescher, Tom Fucik, John Bertelson, Doug Watson and Stella Strand.

Secretary's report

1. Motion to approve the August 25, 2014 minutes: Tom, second by Greg. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

1. Motion to approve the financial reports for August: Greg, second by John. Motion carried.

Discussions

1. Cliff reported that Doug Watson would like to resign from the board. He has a number of other activities that he needs to focus on, such as Friends of Scandinavia History projects, Veteran Home visits and projects around the home. He will continue to work with Lyle Mork to complete the Towne Native American artifacts display as well as on-going website and graphics work for the Iola Historical Society.
2. The two-year terms of President, Secretary and Director are up for election this year, with Cliff, John and Greg willing to continue serving in those positions respectively. Cliff is looking for members willing to serve the remaining one-year of the terms for the vacant positions of Vice President and Director. Anyone who is interested in these positions should let Cliff know in order to be nominated for the elections at the October meeting.
3. Based on a review with Sharon Peterson, Cliff presented the names of nominees for 2014 Volunteer of the Year and 2014 Docent of the Year. Motion to approve the nominees: Tom, second by Doug. Motion carried.
 - a. The names will be revealed at the party in December.
 - b. John mentioned that member volunteer hours should be available to the board in order to help with the selection next year. He suggests that all members turn in their volunteer hours on a more regular basis.
4. Greg asked why the Resource Center was not listed as a priority project on the list recently presented to the membership. Cliff considers the Resource Center, the Towne Native American exhibit and the R. I. Anderson display as active projects, whereas the priority list is intended to focus on the near-future active projects.
 - a. Work will continue on the Resource Center on the Wednesday following the Taste of Norway. The room needs a good cleaning before the shelves start going up.
5. About forty-five students and adults from the Wolf River Homeschoolers visited our facilities earlier today. Most of the group was from the Clintonville and Marion areas. They had learned about the Iola Historical Society through the Passport to History program that they saw while touring the Waupaca Historical Society. They enjoyed their visit, and they donated \$25 to our general fund.
 - a. Volunteers Howard & Kathy Bestul, John Bertelson, Joel Edler, Sue Halverson, Charles Thompson, Cliff Mishler, Sharon Peterson and Mary & Chuck Gipp helped with the tour.
6. The Iola Historical Society will be co-hosting the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce "Business After 5" event on April 28, 2015, with the Iola-Scandinavia Chamber of Commerce's expected participation as well. Cliff, Tom, Greg and Joan Schultz will help coordinate the effort. The intent is to help promote the Iola area.
 - a. The "Business After 5" events occur monthly, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at different member locations in order to discuss ideas for bringing more business into the Waupaca area.
 - b. Cliff had attended the event at the County Post. There were about fifty people in attendance. Cliff, Greg and Tom plan to attend another event in order to help in planning ours.
7. Cliff is sponsoring an ad in the Buyer's Guide for the Historical Society.
8. Tom received permission to temporarily store some of his tables and chairs from the Mill in the Historical Society garage. He is getting ready for the Haunted Mill event at the end of October.
 - a. Movies will be shown at the Machine Shed as part of the Halloween activities.

6:27 pm, motion to adjourn: John, second by Greg. All approved.

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General Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2014

Call to order by President Cliff Mishler @6:33pm. There were fifteen people in attendance. The meeting was held at the Iola Mills, and hosted by Tom Fucik.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Secretary's report

- Motion to approve the August 25, 2014 meeting minutes: Lola May Dalland, second by Elaine Crase. All approved.

Treasurer's report

- Tom reported that the balance sheet looks good.
- Elaine Crase asked if our electric bills will be covered. Tom indicated that winter expenses tend to be lower, and the membership dues in January will be able to cover anticipated expenses.
- Elaine asked if any money is presently in the Depot restoration fund, and Tom said no.
 - Cliff plans to solicit project funds with a mailing late this year. This year about \$1,000 was donated through the solicitation in January.
- Motion to accept the August reports: Greg Loescher, second by Stella Strand. All approved.

Discussions

1. Cliff reported that Doug Watson was resigning from the board.
 - a. Doug said that he enjoys designing displays, and that he may consider helping again. He is doing a lot of work at FOSH, and he and his dog Ike make visits to the Veterans' Home in King.
2. Cliff reported that the President, Secretary and one Director position are up for election this year, with Cliff, John and Greg willing to continue serving in those positions. Cliff is also looking for members willing to serve the remaining one-year of the terms for the vacant positions of Vice President and Director. While he could appoint replacements, he would prefer to have the members elect them in October.
 - a. Sharon Peterson expressed interest in the one-year Director position to replace Doug, so she will be a nominee for the election in October.
3. Cliff indicated that the 2014 Volunteer of the year and Docent of the year have been selected.
 - a. John reminded the members to keep track of their volunteer hours and send them to him. Charlie Thomson asked how often this should be done, since John had not given any guidelines earlier. John thought that once a month would be sufficient, and that turning in the form is not necessary if someone would like to send an e-mail instead.
4. Sharon Peterson suggested that mannequins be acquired to display some of the clothes held in our collection. Her daughter Mary is looking for some.
5. Cliff talked about the visit from the Wolf River Homeschoolers.
 - a. Lyle Mork and Doug Watson helped to set up chairs.
 - b. Sharon Peterson said that the kids and parents loved the tour. Her daughter Mary and son-in-law Chuck had fun helping.
6. Cliff talked about the "Business after 5" event.
7. Lee Halverson mentioned that next month's program will be given by Doug Watson. Doug will present Early Images of Scandinavia. He gave a similar presentation for FOSH, but he will modify it to include 40 photos of interest for the Iola area.
8. Lyle Mork presented two publications for our collection.
 - a. Mike Godfrey donated a book of Chandler family letters.
 - b. Tenny Fogelberg donated a book about the Blandin Paper Co. On April 2nd, 1872, C.K. Blandin was born in Iola. He went on to found the paper company in Grand Rapids Minnesota.

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PLANNING: 5th Annual Taste of Norway, Lost Arts Fair & Chamber Fall Craft Show.

1. Activities:
 - a. Norwegian Pastries; Northland Lutheran Church Ladies (Mary Ann)
 - i. Mary Ann Rice indicated that plans were going well.
 - b. Food Service; Iola Lions Club, Crystal Café, Taste of Elegance (Jerry Harvancik & Greg)
 - i. Jerry may need more help in serving food depending on how busy it gets.
 - c. Lost Arts Fair; Iola Historical Society (Lola May)
 - i. The blacksmith and his son, who demonstrates spinning, will be present.
 - d. One Room Schoolhouse Experience; Norskeland Lodge 5-580 (Lola May)
 - i. Robbie Louison is working on the craft activities.
 - e. Fall Arts & Crafts Fair; Iola-Scandinavia Chamber of Commerce (Greg)
 - i. Greg reported that there are more gifts and crafters than last year.
 - f. Firehouse Activity w/ Extinguisher Certification; Iola & Rural Fire Department (Chuck Fritz)
 - i. A fire extinguisher service company will provide the inspections.
 - g. WDUX Remote (Greg)
 - i. Will be from 10am until 1pm. Justin Moen, from Iola, will broadcast the event.
2. Other considerations
 - a. Sharon reported that docents have been scheduled for all buildings.
 - b. Hanna Gutho will provide entertainment during the event. She plays the accordion.
 - c. Posters, yard signs and raffle tickets are still available. Lee will check with Mortenson's on allowing parking for the event.

7:18 pm, motion to adjourn: Greg Loescher, second by Doug Watson. All approved.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, John Bertelson