

Iola Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes, June 29, 2015

This month's meeting was held in the Machine Shed.

The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Mishler at 5:33 pm.

Present: Cliff Mishler, Tom Fucik, Lee Halverson, Sharon Peterson, Greg Loescher and John Bertelson.

Absent: Stella Strand

Secretary's report

1. Corrections to the May 26, 2015 minutes;
 - a. Board meeting discussion item #1e, "Iron Grill" should be spelled "Iron Grille".
 - b. General meeting discussion item #4e, hot dog pricing to be \$2.50, not \$2.
 - c. Helvetia Town Hall presentation, "James Katy" should be spelled "James Cady".
2. Other discussions;
 - a. The donations received for yesterday's Strawberry Fest totaled \$146.50, of which \$144 was paper currency.
 - b. Lee thought that a duplicate Helvetia Town Hall sign would be too small. Cliff suggested making a bigger duplicate while leaving the original sign displayed inside the building.
3. Motion to approve the May 26, 2015 meeting minutes: Greg, second by Sharon. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

1. Tom reported that the Pig Roast was successful from a financial standpoint, netting about \$1,200. That was after donating \$150 to the American Legion and paying \$137 for supplies from Sentry.
2. During the most recent Legion meeting, Sharon requested that at least two members staff the registration table at next year's Pig Roast.
3. The Strawberry Fest attendance was estimated to be the same as last year (about 350). The room was never crowded, and the activity was steady.
 - a. Appraisals were slow until the end, when a Buddy Holly poster showed up. It was for the appearance he never made due to an airplane crash. If it is authentic it would be worth up to \$30,000. Appraisals will be done again next year as long as the appraisers are willing to participate.
 - b. The Crafters had a good day. The requested donation for a spot was only \$10, which was well received. There were fifteen vendors, but the low number may have helped sales for those who were there. Having an event with 350 people in attendance may have been too small for some Crafters. Barb Johnson did a good job of organizing the Crafters, and Cliff will review with her what can be done for next year.
4. Motion to approve the May 2015 financial reports: Lee, second by John. Motion carried.

Discussions

1. Strawberry Fest review (continued)
 - a. The Garden Walk at the Rosenberg's was also going on. They sent people down for our event.
 - b. Tom reported business at the Millstone was good. He also sent people our way.
 - c. Lee mentioned that the ticket used by the appraisers was a little confusing as to whether it was for free shortcake or if it also included other food. All Historical Society business partners get the ticket along with the other benefits for being a member, such as a listing in the quarterly newsletter. Next year the ticket will be specified for shortcake only, which was the original intent before the food choices expanded. Cliff will notify Doug to make the change.
 - d. Not too many people inquired about the lack of a raffle, so it was not missed. A raffle will still be planned for the Taste of Norway.

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- e. Supplies needed for next year as reviewed by Sharon,
 - i. Leftover pork from Pig Roast, plus 10 lbs (for pulled-pork sandwiches).
 - ii. 150 lbs. strawberries OK
 - iii. 10 lbs. hot dogs OK
 - iv. 15 lbs. hamburger (for bar-b-queue), instead of 10 lbs.
 - v. 350 bowls OK
 - vi. 350 spoons OK
 - vii. 10 pails ice cream, instead of 8
 - viii. 8 tubs Cool Whip, instead of 10
 - ix. 10 - 8 packs hot dog buns
 - x. 25 - 8 packs hamburger buns (for pork and bar-b-queue)
 - xi. 2 pans of shortcake from each person
 - f. Offered strawberry sundaes for \$3
 - g. The Boy Scouts made about \$100 with their soda and water sales, which was lower than what they had at the Pig Roast.
 - i. May want to consider asking the Scouts to help bus tables too, or possibly involve other youth groups such as the Leo's, the High School Honor Society, Church groups, etc.
 - h. The room layout with the food service in the back of the Machine shed seemed to work well for foot traffic flow. It was also better to load and unload stuff from that end of the building. The only drawback was that the bathrooms were farther away.
 - i. Ceiling fans should be installed for better air flow in the Machine Shed. More outlets should also be installed on the west end.
 - j. About 225 chairs were set up, but many were not needed. Take out one row for next year.
 - k. Eugene Voie suggested that a larger sign be used on Hwy 49 to bring in more appraisals. Someone suggested that maybe an antique vehicle with a sign could be parked by the road next year.
 - l. Parking around the grounds was OK. Don Faldet volunteered to remove some more weeds to expand the parking.
2. Sharon lined up some docents for the July activities.
 3. John may not be able to attend the monthly meetings for awhile, but he is still willing to remain Secretary and continue with the meeting minutes. Sharon volunteered to take notes in John's absence. (Thanks, Sharon.)

6:27 pm adjourn.

General Meeting Minutes, June 29, 2015

Call to order by President Cliff Mishler @6:31pm. There were sixteen people in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Secretary's report

- Motion to approve the May meeting minutes: Kathy Bestul, second by Donna Hooker. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

- Tom reported that the cash accounts look good. Two bills were paid for the Pig Roast, bringing the net results to about \$1,200.
- Greg pointed out that we made \$150 from the vendors at Strawberry Fest, and all proceeds from the appraisers were donated to us. The presence of the vendors drew people to our buildings and displays,
 - Kathy suggested that the event start and end times be added to the banners. Cliff will work with Doug to design new banners for next year.
- Motion to accept the May reports: Sharon Peterson, second Eugene Voie. Motion carried.

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Discussions

1. Strawberry Fest review.
 - a. Supplies for next year were reviewed with Sharon during the board meeting.
 - b. Financial recap;
 - \$150.00 from Crafter donations
 - +\$45.00 from appraisers
 - +\$146.50 in donations
 - +\$1,977.50 proceeds from food sales
 - \$300.00 starting cash in till
 - \$2,019.00 gross proceeds (before expenses)
 - c. Appraisal Fair
 - i. Only five authentic final Buddy Holly posters are known to exist. The one brought in may be another one, but further authentication is required.
 - ii. An old Miller Beer display was brought in. It was unique in that it was curved and made out of ceramic. The display happened to be in a bar that was the first one in Iola to serve alcohol after Prohibition.
 - d. The Rosenbergs also had a Craft Fair as part of their Garden Walk, which did affect the number who participated at our event.
 - e. Kathy was a docent in the log house, and she found out that it had been used as a bedroom by Jerry Roslow.
 - f. Lee reported that the Historical Society gained two new members during the event. He also suggested that a fire truck or sign for the event be placed along Hwy 49.
 - g. Sharon inquired about the Potato Alley marker dedication tentatively scheduled for September 19th. Her son is being married that day at 1pm, so she would like to have the dedication start around 2pm or 2:30pm. Cliff and Greg will work on the dedication with that in mind.
 - h. Sharon asked for more docents for the July activities.
 - i. Lee mentioned the NASA program hosted by Bob Stamstad, scheduled for 1 pm Saturday July 18 in the Machine Shed. It centers on the seven astronauts who were part of our first space exploration program, which Bob was also part of with his work on rocket design.
 - j. Lee mentioned the Eleanor Roosevelt program schedule for 2pm at the Mill on Saturday August 8th.
 - k. Lee noticed that the name "Gullickson" may be spelled wrong on the trunk we have in the museum. Kathy mentioned that the home farm is located just across the county line on Hwy 161, in Portage Co. Charlie Thompson believed the spelling should be "Gullikson". Lee will consult a phone book.

7:00 pm, meeting adjourned

The next regular meetings are planned for Monday July 27th.

The next monthly program will be in September.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, John Bertelson