

Iola Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes, January, 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order 5:32 pm by President Cliff Mishler. It was held at Living Oaks.

Present: Cliff Mishler, Lee Halverson, Tom Fucik (6:23 pm), Sharon Peterson, Charlie Thompson and John Bertelson.

Absent: Stella Strand.

Secretary's report

1. Motion to approve the October 2015 meeting minutes: Charlie, second by Lee. Approved.
2. Correction to November 2015 budget meeting minutes, discussion item 8b, Tom suggested adding rock salt to floor drains for the winter, not Charlie.
 - a. Motion to approve the amended November 2015 budget meeting minutes: Sharon, second by Lee. Approved.

Treasurer's report

1. Tom's comments on December 2015 financial report, as read by Cliff
 - a. Cash flow is good.
 - b. Two expenses yet to finalize, in-kind items from Cliff (misc. donations and membership expense) and in-kind items from Greg Loescher (cost of promotions).
 - c. The net membership shows as a negative for 2016 dues received in 2015. This will be reconciled in January's report.
 - d. The car show numbers were lower due to less volunteer hours spent packing the "goodie" bags.
 - e. \$500 was pre-paid to make the quilt for the Taste of Norway raffle.
 - f. Motion to transfer \$1,500 from the Lifetime Memberships restricted account to the endowment account: Charlie, second by John. Approved.

Discussions

1. Lee requested a donation be considered for the Foundations for Living fundraising event scheduled for March 31st at the Ale House. Lee and Sue are collecting items for a "Northern Exposure" basket to promote areas north of Waupaca. The Car Show and others in town have contributed, so Lee was asking if we would consider donating a mug and a book for the basket. Cliff suggesting adding two tickets for strawberry shortcake at our event in June.
 - a. Motion to donate a mug, a book and two strawberry shortcake tickets along with a brochure for IHS promotion: Sharon, second by John. Approved.
2. John has not finished the draft of the updated Constitution.
3. Charlie shut off the little heater for the Machine Shed bathroom in November. No problems noticed. He would like to see if that affected the utility bill over the winter, if possible.
4. Lee would like to get ideas from the membership as to exhibits to set up in our buildings. He will bring it up in February.
5. Charlie would like to put the dugout in the Machine Shed onto a dolly. No one objected. Cliff mentioned that the sign for it needs to be corrected that it was found in Selmer Lake, not Graham Lake.
6. Cliff outlined some upcoming projects,
 - a. Sterns will upgrade our security system
 - b. Water was found on top of the furnace in the Fire House, so Joe Anbecker will check on it.
 - c. Some piping considerations for the Machine Shed. A new tap for filling coffee pots is needed. Charlie suggested adding a utility sink.

Iola Historical Society

- d. Lashua will be contacted to get more fill material.
7. John has corresponded with Ray Reser after becoming aware of state legislation being considered that would weaken state laws that protect Native American effigy mounds.
 - a. Tom and his family attended a protest over the legislation (AB620) in Madison. It was organized by the Ho-Chunk Nation, and it attracted Native Americans from all over the region. Tom heard estimates of two to three thousand. It was a bitterly cold day, so as many as possible assembled inside the Capitol.
 - b. He asked that the board consider a formal letter stating opposition to AB620. John and Tom will draft a letter for consideration at the February meeting.
8. Tom needs the estimates for member volunteer hours and IHS event attendance estimates for 2015. He files them with the financial report to the state every year. John will finalize the numbers.

6:31 pm, adjourn

General Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2016

6:39 pm, Call to order by President Cliff Mishler. There were 14 people present.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Secretary's report

1. Motion to approve the October and November 2015 meeting minutes: Greg Loescher, second by Donna Hooker. Approved.

Treasurer's report

1. Tom's comments,
 - a. The 2016 dues paid in 2015, Don Faldet's contribution for a marker and the \$500 prepaid for the T.O.N. quilt were all booked for the December 2015 report, and they will be reversed for the January 2016 report since they belong with this year's numbers.
 - b. The tax report for 2015 is finished.
 - c. While detailed financial reports are not required for non-profits such as ours, the IRS does have rules we must follow in regards to spending, assets and balances. The detailed reports help to make our organization compliant.
2. Motion to approve the December 2015 financial reports: Greg Loescher, second by Sharon Peterson. Approved.

Discussions

1. Cliff reported that the board approved the transfer of \$1,500 from the life account to the endowment fund. He went on to say that it was a good time to transfer with the market drop.
2. Lee reported on the Foundations for Living event as discussed in the board meeting.
3. Tom asked for volunteers to staff the IHS display at the Winter Carnival booth.

6:56 pm, adjourn.

Greg Loescher showed a PowerPoint presentation of his visit to Sewah in Marietta, OH. They manufacture our markers. A video was made of the presentation and is available if any member would like to view it.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, John Bertelson