

Iola Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2016

Present – Cliff, Lee, Tom, Sharon & John

Cliff called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

The meeting minutes from June were not available for review. Motion to tentatively approve minutes, Lee, second by Tom. Approved.

Treasurer's report given by Tom.

- Final financial results for both 2015 and 2016 Strawberry Fests distributed.
- Lee asked about the Waupaca Co. Promotional account. This is for the Passport to History, but no work has been done yet.
- Lee asked why some costs have not shown up for the firehouse doors repairs. Tom mentioned that painting costs are charged to building maintenance, not projects.
- Lee asked about the Multi Media Displays project. Cliff indicated that the desire was still there to do the project, but someone with technical skills needs to step forward.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Lee, second by Sharon. Approved.

Discussions

- Tom reported that the Thursday Night on Main last Thursday went well in the Machine Shed, after rain moved the event inside. He estimated about 200 people attended. The musicians remained for a while afterwards in order to look over the displays.
- Cliff reported a \$50 donation from Mavis Lewis to IHS in memory of Chet Krause.
- With the passing of Chet last month, Cliff reported that on July 17th a donation was received from the Chet Krause estate for \$125,000. This now activates our endowment fund that was created at our budget meeting in November of 2014. RBC Wealth Management currently provides investment advice for our restricted funds, which now total \$24,231.32.
 - Motion to appoint Cliff Mishler and Ed Hayes, of RBC, as the "Fund Manager" as noted in section 2 of the Iola Historical Endowment Fund agreement, Tom, second by John. Approved.
 - The fund is currently managed by RBC for conservative-growth, and there is no desire to change this focus by the board.
- Sharon reported that a \$105 donation was received from those attending the Wright family reunion held this past Saturday. It went very well, with about 35 people attending.
- Lee reported finding \$12.54 in the depot donation box. Since the box is normally locked, he wasn't sure how long the money had been in it.
- Sharon mentioned that Greg was doing a good job reporting IHS changes to the newspaper.
- Sharon asked what happened to the information card that used to be by the Native American display drum. Doug will check with Wayne Towne to get the information for the display.
 - Cliff mentioned that the information for the final panel of the Native American display is being reviewed with Ray Reser, from UWSP. The dedication will be planned for 2017.
- Cliff asked for August docents. Two people for each Saturday should be enough.
 - Cliff also asked for help on Monday August 22nd, when new teachers for the I-S Schools plan to visit our facilities. The I-S Chamber is coordinating the visit with other area sites.
- John will send out summary notes for the past Taste of Norway events. He will also work with Cliff to contact Lost Artists for this year's TON.
- Cliff mentioned a number of maintenance projects for this fall.
 - Paint firehouse, schoolhouse and town hall.
 - New shingles for depot.
 - Clean depot.
 - Check for powder-post beetles under depot, and spray if needed.

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General Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. There were 10 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from June, Martha Cook, second by Donna Hooker. Approved.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Joanna Rheingans, second by Sue Halverson. Approved.

Discussions

- Cliff reported on the Iola Historical Endowment Fund, as discussed at the board meeting.
 - Lee mentioned that an article in the Window would be good to let people know that the fund is available for donations. It is a good perpetual source of funds, since only 80% of any annual gains can be removed for use by the IHS with the fund principal being preserved.
 - Life memberships and memorials are already being held as restricted funds totaling a little more than \$24,000. This will now be transferred to the endowment fund.
 - The annual budget meeting will determine how much of the annual gain will be used.
- Cliff and Tom talked about the Thursday Night on Main event being moved to the Machine Shed last Thursday (board meeting item). The mill is the primary rainout site, while the Machine Shed is a backup. The seven-member band was too big for the stage at the mill. Greg helped with the move to the Machine Shed. Lee pointed out that there are two different banners made up for the alternative rainout sites, which helps to direct the TNOM attendees.
- Cliff discussed the Wright Family reunion (board meeting item). Joanna mentioned that some of the family members enjoyed finding people they knew in the photos by the organ in the town hall.
- Lee reported that fourteen people showed up during the Car Show Saturday, so it was good to be open. Being mentioned in the Car Show brochure probably helped.
- Cliff asked for volunteers to be docents in August.
- Taste of Norway planning.
 - Cliff will contact Lost Artists, and John will help
 - The west end of the Machine Shed will be used to serve food. Sharon will coordinate.
 - Martha is willing to demonstrate lefse making for the first half of the day, and Greg will probably do the second half. Each will plan to make 10 lbs.
- Maintenance items for fall
 - Clean depot, and install new roof.
 - Paint firehouse doors as well as little doors and windows. Problem with the wood.
 - Paint town hall and schoolhouse. Put up town hall sign
 - Brian Lepak will help Lee with painting. Plan for mid-August and September. Mark Doll has sprayer to help with the large areas. Lyle Nauman volunteered to help too.
 - Schoolhouse roof needs repairs.
 - Wooden fence needs repair. It is apparently on Terry Murphy's property, so he will take care of it.
- Lyle Nauman reported that the riding lawn mower engine "blew up".
 - Both Cliff and Lee thanked Lyle for his great work maintaining the grounds.
- Cliff informed that the dedication for the Native American display will be planned for the spring of 2017.
- Cliff mentioned that a new sign is being designed for the Maynard Stromberg display.

7:29 pm Motion to adjourn, Sharon, second by Martha. Approved.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, John Bertelson