

IOLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting / June 24, 2019

Meeting called to order by president Mishler at 5:45 pm.

Board members in attendance; Mishler, Fucik, Thompson, Halverson, and Pethke.

Mishler shared the information that the Waupaca County historical group at its second meeting, held at the FWD Museum in Clintonville on Friday, June 14, proposed arranging for the occupancy of a table/booth at the Waupaca County Fair on August 21-25 on a joint basis. Participating organizations will be expected to provide two or three volunteers to staff this promotional exposure opportunity. Mishler indicated to the group that the Iola Historical Society was supportive of the initiative and would provide volunteers as appropriate.

Mishler informed the board that the Iola Historical Society has received notice from its current insurance carrier for our buildings that coverage will be cancelled as of the 7/27/19 current coverage expiration because coverage (cost \$2,304) has been deemed insufficient for the properties covered. Following extended discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, it was agreed to arrange with Community Insurance to bind coverage for \$3,008 based on a policy providing “replacement cost on all buildings.”

The insurance discussions explored the reality that our insurance coverage is for the buildings only, not the contents, be they historical relics or other properties. It was agreed that Fucik and Mishler should meet with agent Dale Bestul in the fall to explore possible options for enhancing our insurance coverage to embrace of historical relics at some level and report back to the board.

It was questioned and reaffirmed that Charlie Thompson will check out the recently offered church organ as a possible donation to our archive.

Charlie Thompson announced that a vintage camera has been offered as an addition to our archive by Kenneth Wesley. On a motion by Pethke, seconded by Fucik, the donation was accepted for future display on a unanimous vote.

Charlie Thompson also announced that a vintage ice saw has been similarly offered as another addition to our archive by John Bobbe. On a motion by Thompson, seconded by Halverson, this donation was also accepted for future display on a unanimous vote.

Pethke questioned if we still intend to place first aid kits as appropriate in our buildings, offering to assume responsibility for acquiring them. Mishler apologized for his failure to appropriately handle this initiative on several past occasions, accepting Bonny’s offer and instructing her to acquire six appropriate kits for placement.

The monthly financial report through May 31, 2019, was presented and reviewed by Fucik. Following brief discussions and explanations, on a motion by Halverson, seconded by Pethke, the report was accepted on a unanimous vote.

Mishler shared with board members that new lines appearing for the first time in this monthly report concerning “eBay Sales” involves the sale of residue numismatic references from the KP/FW library left behind when the firm in 2018 vacated its office at 700 East State Street. As many of these books possess market value, Mishler made an executive decision to arrive at an arrangement to dispose of them via eBay auctions with the net proceeds to be shared 50/50 with the Iola Old Car Show. This initiative is being facilitated by members George Cuhaj, John Bertelson and Tom Fucik, with the expectation that it will generate a bottom-line benefit to the Society in the mid-four figure range.

President Mishler adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Membership Meeting / June 24,2019

Meeting called to order by president Mishler at 6:35 pm.

Mishler led the 16 members in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary’s of the May 2019 meetings was distributed and reviewed. On a motion by Martha Cook, duly seconded, it was approved on a unanimous vote.

The treasurer’s report through the period ending May 31, 2019, was distributed and highlight reviewed by Fucik. It was accepted on a motion by Tom Margin, seconded by Louis Adams, and approved on a unanimous vote following brief explanatory responses to questions as advanced in a couple of instances.

Mishler shared with the membership in attendance an overview of the discussions and actions taken in the immediately preceding board meeting.

Halverson shared several informational and exploratory thoughts with those in attendance. The need for more docent involvement on an ongoing basis. Possibilities of developing some carpool outings to nearby sister organizations. Securities issues. The Machine Shed is available for use by outside groups, two of which are presently utilizing the facility on an ongoing basis; his bible study group, to which anyone is welcome, and Charlie T’s tractor group. Called attention to the freshly painted schoolhouse and the contributions of Charlie Wasrud in getting the structure ready for painting. Solicitation of program ideas for future meetings. Plans to share veteran interviews conducted at the Memorial Day event as a program for the July meeting.

Lee also led a discussion of how those who participated felt the Strawberry Fest turned out.

The results of the 35th annual Iola Strawberry were shared and review by those in attendance who participated at the event. The consensus seemed to be that the “Strawberry Fest” activity proper was quieter than in recent years. On the other hand, the “Appraisal Fair” element was more active than it had been in at least the past two or three years. Those involved with docent duty in the Town Hall, Fire Station and main Museum, reported heavy interest on behalf of our visitors.

Based on these observations, it is believed that we likely hosted in the range of 350 to 400 visitors for the day.

It was expressed that we experienced a fair amount of waste where the food operation was concerned and that what we undertake to achieve in that realm in 2020 should be subjected to a critical review.

Here are some numbers that were tracked in the foodservice area:

56 Dinners @ \$10
140 Short Cakes Only @ \$4
32 Pulled Pork Sandwiches @4
42 Hot Dogs @\$3
11 Freebies/Appraisers
Total Sales as Recorded \$1,386

Overall accounting perspective:

\$1,424 Food Sales
\$338 Raffle Purchases
\$161 Appraisal Function
\$70.36 from Donation Boxes
\$20 Book Sale
\$2,033 Cash to the Bank

President Mishler adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Submitted by Mishler as the substitute secretary for the acting secretary!