

Board Meeting Minutes, May 24, 2021

Board members Cliff, Lee, Tom, Bonny, Charlie T., Sarah and John present. Cliff called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes from April, Bonny, second by Lee. Motion Passed.

Tom gave the Treasurer's report. Not much activity. There was no draw-out from the endowment account last year as expenses were low. \$22,500 is available to use this year, if we need it. Undesignated memorial donations are transferred to the endowment account on a quarterly basis.

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report, Charlie T., second by Sarah. Motion Passed.

Cliff had a few items to go over,

- We have a raffle license for this year. The only raffle will be at the Taste of Norway.
- Kathy Bestul invited members to a memorial for her husband Howard at the Conservation Club Saturday June 19. They have been longtime members. The memorial will be from 1 to 4pm.
- At 10am Friday September 10th, we will be hosting a meeting with the other historical societies in Waupaca Co. and a couple other historical societies nearby. A few Fridays ago, Cliff and Charlie T. attended a similar meeting in Waupaca with one or two representatives from each of the other groups. Tracey Behrendt, the director of the Waupaca Historical Society, is trying to facilitate communications between the different historical societies by holding at least two group brainstorming sessions every year. About one hour will be spent discussing ideas, with a tour to follow. Will need a couple volunteers to help.
- The weekly Saturday open house for our facilities begins June 5th.

Lee had a few items to go over,

- Memorial Day event for Veterans. Lee & Sue will coordinate the food. Cliff, Sarah and John to help with the event. Meal costs will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids and free for veterans. The Boy Scouts will not distribute soda this time. Greg will get the shredded pork from Crystal Café along with 125 apple turnovers. Tom will get the chips, pickles and ice. The Legion program, held by the lake, begins at 11am, so should be ready by then. Expect to end at 2pm.
- The county meeting for various Legion groups is tomorrow in the Machine Shed.
- Awhile back we had a facilities use form to fill out for outside groups wishing to use our facilities. John will try to find the form for the next meeting, or make up a new copy. Lee gave John a copy he had. John will also make up a calendar for the board to see upcoming events.
- During the high school student cleanup day, Lee met three young people who were interested in the historical society. Lee asked the board to consider creating a new membership category for young people, maybe up until they get out of high school, college or similar career development educational obligation.
- Lee will talk with the three students to see if they would be interested.
 - David Strand published a book in 2003 about the people and businesses in Lola around the 1930's. This could be a possible project for youth members of our historical society, to update the information for today.
 - Another youth project could be to compile a history of area towns. Ask Social Study teachers to be involved.
 - One interesting subject to capture may be to answer the question of what the school experience was during the year of so many covid-19 restrictions.
 - Tom suggested possibly creating a fourth society event where youth members would run an ice cream social, perhaps in August before school starts up again. The target audience would be young parents of school age children. Have historical-based games for the kids.
 - If a youth membership category is created, dues are suggested to be minimal ... like around \$2 per year. Our bylaws would need to be updated too. One suggested name for the category is the "Young Historians".
- Cliff and Greg plan to create an Lola Car Show display in one of the display cases in the Town Hall.
- Cliff or Lee will speak with Glenn from the Village to check on any road right of way issues for our path project.
- The last arranged tour did not have as many people as expected, so we need to modify how we staff tours. If the groups are small, then a few guides can take the visitors around instead of staffing a docent in each building. Cliff and Doug will work on developing a guide map for the grounds.

Bonny asked if the buildings could be sprayed for bugs, especially in the fire station. Cliff said that would be more of a winter project to bug-bomb entire buildings.

Greg mentioned that Holly Neumann is looking for information on student events.

The Strawberry Fest will occur before the historical society meeting in June, so planning will be done through emails between all involved. Food offered will be similar to what is done for the Memorial Day event. Scouts will distribute the beverages. Bonny has received the list for food items and quantities from Sharon Peterson and will send it to Tom.

Board meeting adjourned 6:29pm.

Membership Meeting Minutes, May 24, 2021

Cliff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30pm. Twenty people were present.

Sue Halverson motioned to accept the April meeting minutes, Donna Hooker second, passed

Tom gave the financial report. It was a quiet month for activity. Charlie Nordness motioned to accept, Sarah Abramson second ... motion approved.

Cliff covered the same initial three items he covered in the board meeting.

Greg mentioned that this Wednesday at 1pm will be the marker dedication for Clifford Thompson at the Crystal Café in Iola. It is marker #18 of our program. The marker itself has been delayed and is "in transit, so it will be installed later. Judy will serve cookies. David Forsythe and Bruce Meagher, two current lawyers in the area, donated significantly towards the marker. Charlie Thompson will bring Cliff's chair. Holly will be there to take photos for the newspaper.

Lee talked about the proposal to create a young historians membership.

Charlie Nordness mentioned that he is looking for some volunteers to help with a section of highway cleanup that the Iola Lioness Club used to do before they were disbanded. Perhaps that could be something for the students when they do their spring and fall community service day? Any help from historical society members would be appreciated too.

Cliff talked about the upcoming Memorial Day event next Monday. Not sure how many people will show up, so plan for 300. Looking for docents and volunteers to help. Pulled pork sandwich, chips, drink and half of an apple turnover will make up the lunch. Set up will begin at 10am ... event lasts until 2pm.

Weekly Saturday open house visits start in June, 11am until 2pm. Sarah and Eric volunteered to cover June 5th and 12th, as well as June 26.

Lyle Nauman plans to mow around the grounds this summer ... will start tonight.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm

The evening program was personal memories of the Vietnam War, by veterans Charlie Thompson and Jim Wasrud. Very interesting, and it is available on video for anyone who would like to see it.

Program ended at 7:50pm