

## Board Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2021

Board members Cliff, Lee, Tom, Bonny, Charlie T., Sarah and John present. Cliff called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**Charlie motioned to approve the Secretary report for June, Sarah second ... motion passed**

Tom gave the Treasurer's report. Cash flow is an issue. Hold off on insurance payment. Cliff will solicit from sponsors. Cliff recommends \$5,000 withdrawal from the endowment fund.

**Tom made the motion to withdraw \$5,000 from the endowment fund, Lee second ... motion passed.**

Cliff will contact RBC Wealth Management for the withdrawal.

Tom reported the estimate for a security system is around \$1,800. No action at this time.

Lee asked about the increase in value for the artifact inventory, and Tom explained it was due to an adjustment for the 1912 Sears car.

**John made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Bonny second ... motion passed.**

Cliff had a few items to go over,

- Tom, Lee and Cliff plan to meet tomorrow (Tuesday) to lay out the outline for the pathways project. Others are invited to join them. Brian Waters might lend his skid-loader to the effort. Lee suggests putting mats at the entrances to the buildings to help keep from tracking loose gravel inside.
- Planning for Taste of Norway. Gift fair (contact Mary Schwartz), sales, crafts, raffle (football from last year), five docents needed, use of railcar, demonstrations (Bonny will get information from Sharon), lost arts (Lee), entertainment (one hour each), vendors to bring own tents, John will contact Jim Nickel and Jerry Johnson. (lost arts). Event will be held from 11am until 2pm.

Tom mentioned the idea for an ice cream social event around back to school time. It is too late for this year, so will consider for next. Tom has a portable gelato-maker he will lend for the event and sell the gelato at cost. Cliff will ask the Leo's group of the Lion's Cub and the National Honors group from the high school if any of their members would like to help.

Charlie T. mentioned that the 1912 Sears car will be displayed Saturday and Sunday at the corn roast event in Scandinavia.

Lee had a few items to go over,

- Lee and Sue will adopt the schoolhouse. Don Hanson will assist. Don was the co-author of Rural Schools of Waupaca Co., along with Joan Paulson. Intent is to rearrange the exhibits inside to better reflect a rural schoolhouse during the era when they were more common. Some items will be removed to other locations within our facilities. Looking to add more books from the era as well as an old radio, which is how current events were often discovered.
- Plans still moving forward to create displays in the museum garage area. Will move current items in the room around in order to refinish half the floor at a time.
- Recently learned that the Waupaca Historical Society was donating some of their items to other historical societies, so we may want to consider that for anything we do not plan to either archive or display ourselves.
- Still planning a group visit to Point Basse on September 11.

John mentioned the state covid-19 grant opportunity handout Tom gave him at the last meeting. Asked what kind of loss estimate we should figure for last year's cancelled events, so Tom will send him last year's budget summary compared with previous years. Initial guess of income losses to be \$1,000 an event, or \$3,000 total.

Board meeting adjourned 6:22 pm.

## Membership Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2021

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

For the June meeting minutes, Greg pointed out under his comments that the spelling is "Dejiah", not "Deja" and "him" should be changed to "her" as well as "He" to "She".

**Maggie Thompson motioned to accept the June meeting minutes, Donna Hooker second, passed**

Tom gave the financial report. Cash flow adjustments were made at the board meeting. Also discussed events for this year.

**Greg motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Maggie second ... motion approved.**

Cliff,

- Introduced Maggie Thompson, who is an IHS member who recently became a life member. The Thorson house had been taken over by F&W publishing awhile back. When that occurred, Chet Krause bought a china pattern to display there. Maggie has bought the china pattern and will donate it to our historical society. We will need an estimate of the value for tax purposes. Would be nice to put the china pattern with our museum display in memory of Chet. Cliff will check with Patty Krause on the origin of the 12-piece set
- Waupaca Co. map from 1874 is being framed. Maggie said that the Waupaca Co. Historical Society has a similar map. Greg may get the area of lola enlarged for ours. Maggie mentioned that she was not originally from lola, but moved here in 1982.
- Pathways project meeting tomorrow (Tuesday). Work planned for Wednesday workdays in August. Also, plan to clear garage area in the museum.
- Taste of Norway planning – first Saturday in October
  - Asked Greg about gift fair. Greg said that the Chamber would pass this year. Mary Schwartz has a previous list of participants she can give to us if we want to pursue. Not sure of the status of other craft fairs.
  - Gift fair vendors to bring own tents. Charlie T. requested that tent stakes not be driven into the blacktop. Greg said that weights could be used to hold tents down instead ... as we did for Taste & Tunes for the entertainment on the railcar.
  - Will have a raffle the day of the event. First prize will be a signed UW-Madison football that was obtained for last year's event, which ended up being cancelled.
  - Coordination of lost artists.
  - Possible musical entertainment on the rail car.
  - Need for docents.
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Lee,

- Discussed adoption of the schoolhouse. Maggie asked what era to pick for the books? Lee plans to focus on elementary school books, with possible donations from Don Hanson. Maggie may be able to get books too, from book fairs. Cliff mentioned that we are trying to build a "turn of the century" theme, 1870's to 1930's era. The schoolhouse on our site used to be the meeting place for the early lola Historical Society before we obtained other buildings, which is why it is heated. The depot was the only other building on our site, and that remains unheated.
- Covered his idea for a group visit to tour Point Basse. September 11 is their Harvest Fair event. It is located south of Nekoosa and they have nine events a year. Admission is \$5 a person.

Greg asked if there are plans for new teachers to visit our facilities before school starts. Tom said the I-S new teacher area tour is planned for Monday August 16<sup>th</sup>. A number of area sites will be visited, and our Machine Shed is their last stop before lunch at the Millstone. Others are invited to attend too. Tom will ask Ray Przekurat (school superintendent) if others can go on the actual bus tour.

Cliff brought up the possible fourth event for us next year ... the back to school ice cream social. Kid's games, portable gelato maker, hot dogs, get families involved, more orientated to children, possibly ask Leo's and National Honor Society student groups to help.

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm

The evening program was showing a couple videos taken of the music performance by Pat Wiley & Friends at our part of the Taste and Tunes weekend. It went very well, although it would have been nice to have a larger audience. Still ... it was a good first use of our rail car for an event.

Following the videos, the two new Junior Historian members were introduced ... Mackenzie Woyak and Payton Valpol. Both are Juniors in high school and gave excellent summaries of why they are interested in history and how covid-19 affect last year's schooling for them.

The program is available on video for anyone who would like to see it.