

Board Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2021

Board members Cliff, Lee, Tom, Bonny, Charlie T., Sarah and John present. Cliff called the meeting to order at 5:38pm.

Tom motioned to approve the Secretary report for August, Sarah second ... motion passed

Tom gave the Treasurer's report. The unrestricted cash account is running low, so the upcoming fundraising event is timely. Low activity for August. Both the Sons of Norway and the Pope family made donations for use of our facilities.

Charlie T. motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Bonny second ... motion passed.

Cliff received an email from Greg Loescher with a quote of \$125 per building to spray for beetles, spiders, etc. inside and outside. Charlie mentioned he has noticed some powder post beetle damage on some of the artifacts in the Machine Shed. Tom will give Charlie some information on a chemical spray he used successfully to stop such damage in his mill. The group decided that the fire station, log cabin and Machine Shed were most in need for the spray.

Lee motioned to approve spraying the three buildings, Bonny second ... motion passed.

Greg will contact the company to schedule the spraying.

Lee

- He and Bonny continue to work on organizing our Iola Herald collection. Donna has helped too. They found about twenty bound copies of the Manawa Advocate, which were donated to the library in Manawa. John will contact the Portage Co. Historical Society to see if there is any interest in what we do not want, while Lee will contact a group in Amherst. Cliff will check with Doug Watson to see if Scandinavia has any interest. The group discussed what to do with any extra copies, such as use for fundraiser. When the project is complete, we will have one bound set and one set of individual newspapers.
- Premier Bank is closed on October 11 for Columbus Day, so they are having an employee volunteer day in the community. Lee will see if he can get some help with organizing the Resource Center.
- Lee found an old IHS logo sheet. Tom will scan it into a PDF for future use.
- Lee and Sue attended the Harvest Fair at Historic Point Basse. He was able to talk with the four people from that organization who plan to help us at the Taste of Norway.

Tom asked about the semi-annual school service day for the community. Someone mentioned that it is planned for October 15.

Charlie reported that our hosting of the county historical organizations went well on September 10. Twelve people attended, which is about usual. Lee said that the organizations all had similar stories to share, and all reported on the difficulty of finding volunteers to get involved.

Taste of Norway Planning

- Cliff will get four picnic tables for the Car Show.
- Bonny has nine vendors scheduled and plans to have them set up in the courtyard behind the Depot.
- John will borrow Tom's golf cart to pack down the new gravel path.
- Bonny reported that Sharon Peterson feels well enough to bake sandbakkels and show up briefly at the event.
- Cliff received a 42-cup coffeemaker that the Lion's Club is willing to donate to us. It had been used by the Lioness Club, which was disbanded nationally last year. Bonny will check on our existing coffeemakers and throw out any that no longer work.
- Based on a request by Lee, Charlie will reorganize the display of tractors outside by the Tractor club.
- Charlie requested that the blue display board by the bathroom in the Machine Shed be relocated. Cliff said the stacks of chairs need to be moved out too.
- Bonny mentioned that there are several boxes from Joe Opperman in the museum garage that need a home. Cliff said they contained old copies of Numismatic News and will be archived in the Resource Center eventually.
- Lee asked about cleanup afterwards, and that will be either Sunday or Monday. Tom said that students will be moving stuff from the mill to the Machine Shed that week in preparation for the Haunted Mill fundraiser.

Board meeting adjourned 6:26 pm.

Membership Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2021

Cliff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:42pm. Thirteen people were present.

Don Faldet motioned to accept the August meeting minutes, Sue Halverson second, passed

Tom gave the financial report, covering the same items he did at the board meeting, but had to leave after his report. His daughter is expecting her first child.

Greg Loescher motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Sarah Abramson second ... motion approved.

TON Planning

- Cliff reported that there is a supply of posters and yard signs available for people to display. There are 25 prizes for the raffle, and tickets are still available to sell.
- Lee will be filling in for Cliff at the event, as Cliff has a wedding to attend.
- Tables and chairs will be set up and cleaned the Wednesday before. Lee is thinking two rows set up lengthwise.
- Lee is coordinating the Last Arts group, while Bonny is working with the crafters.
- Anita Faldet will bring sandbakkels, and her husband Don will bring corn and demonstrate the corn sheller.
- Greg is coordinating the musical groups. Setup is 10am, Deja Melby starts at 11am and noon until 2pm is the band Charlie Thompson is part of, named High Lonesome Country. Buzz Josey, Lee Rambo, Steve Pagel and his daughter Meghan make up the rest of the band. Lee will see that picnic tables and chairs are set up for the music area.
- A cook stove was donated to the IHS and will be used for the soap-making demonstration.
- The fire extinguisher inspection will be from 9am until noon, with the cost being \$5 per extinguisher. Lee will see that all our fire extinguishers are inspected.
- Crystal Café will set up at 9am, along with Trout Bum Bakery, the Lion's Club and the Boy Scouts.
- Crafters will also set up at 9am.
- The Lefse Shack will not be available this year due to sickness in the family. One hundred pounds of Lefse were ordered through Sentry for us to sell, so Cliff will check with Doug at the store to see when it is available for pickup.
- John will be the cashier.
- Payton Volpel will learn toolmaking from Jim Nickel (Historic Point Basse group). Jill Williams will demonstrate rosemaling. Lee went through the list of other Lost Arts craftspeople too.
- Greg mentioned that a person reading the historical marker of Dr. Loope suggests that the winner of the football raffle grand prize have their photo taken next to the marker.

Cliff reported on the board decision to spray three of our buildings for insects.

Cliff and Tom began the gravel pathway project, and it is about half completed. John will borrow Tom's golf cart to pack it down before TON.

Charlie reported on the county historical societies meeting that we hosted last month. Each group had some interesting projects.

Meeting adjourned 7:14pm

The evening program was a presentation by Lee on what has been done so far since he and Sue adopted the schoolhouse, followed by a tour of the building.

- The building was the first meeting place of our historical society, which is why it is heated.
- Lee & Sue are working with Don Hanson, who has also donated some books for the place.
- Tom donated an old radio, and an old clock was added too. Charlie T. is willing to donate his old Tonette, which is a flute-like device students used to learn how to play music.
- There is a color-coded map at the entrance showing where all the county schools were located. There were 136 of them. A future project is to photograph the school buildings that remain standing. Le & Sue would like all visitors who attended an old county school to sign in and list the name of the school. Anita, Ron & Don did so.
- Schoolhouse photos are always welcome.
- Greg mentioned that the dedication for the historical marker will be the first Saturday in November.