

Iola Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2022

All seven board members were present. Cliff called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

Reviewed the meeting minutes from February.

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

Treasurer's report from Tom ... Minimal activity. Taxes have been filed. Annual report to state historical society has been filed too.

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report, John, second by Sarah. Motion Passed.

Cliff,

- Plans for the Memorial Day event discussed. Bonny will plan for 200 lbs. of pork. Tom will freeze leftovers in containers to be used at the Strawberry Fest. Beans and coleslaw will be served too. Bonny will let Tom know quantities to order at the next meeting. Cliff will contact Bill about the pork.
- Figured about 282 people attended the Chamber booth for the WDUX Home Show. Cliff, and others, help to promote our historical society at the home show, and a person who sells military hats asked if he could sell them at our Memorial Day event. The board agreed to try it this year and see how it goes.
- There will be a sign-in for veterans that will be staffed by members from the Legion.
- Small card invitations will be sent out.
- Will consider reinstating the appraisal fair as part of Strawberry Fest. Joel Edler used to coordinate it, so Cliff will ask Dave Harper if he would be interested in taking the lead now. Cliff will check with Greg as to what was charged for appraisals in the past. Believe the amount was minimal.
- Raffles were discussed, and Charlie T. asked the board to consider a 50:50 raffle at our events. Our current raffle of prizes happens only at the Taste of Norway. Cliff will check with Greg to make sure our raffle license will cover it.

Lee

- Girl Scouts will help at our Strawberry Fest event this year as one of their service projects. They will offer to help carry food to the tables, and they will wipe the tables down after people leave. Will ask if they are interested in helping at the Memorial Day event as well as Taste of Norway in October.
- A recent article in the Window about the schoolhouse led to the Lion's Club setting up a program Monday May 2 in the schoolhouse. Mark Forseth is the contact. Need docents for after the meal tour. Social hour starts at 6pm, meal at 6:30pm and the program at 7pm. Cliff will fill out the facility use form.

Bonny asked about all the stuff that used to be in the Depot before renovations started. Charlie Wasrud may have the car siding, but Tom is willing to donate material he may have to help restore the building too. Mike Kirk, from the depot museum in Waupaca, is willing to help with the restoration along with Cliff. Lee has given photos and other information to Bonny.

John

- Informed the board that we did not get the Wisconsin Humanities covid grant last year. Many other organizations needed it more.
- Mentioned that the Village was looking for some pictures or photos to display in the community center. Dave Harper and Lee are working on it.
- One of the window screens for the Town Hall needs repair. Contact Charlie Wasrud.

Board meeting adjourned 6:22pm.

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Membership Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2022

Cliff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:36pm. Thirty One people were present. Sarah provided coffee and doughnuts for the meeting.

George Cuhaj motioned to accept the February meeting minutes, Sue Halverson second, passed

Tom covered the financial numbers.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Mackenzie Woyak, Charlie Nordness second, passed.

Cliff mentioned that the Memorial Day event will go back to the full pork dinner, and that he is considering adding the appraisal fair back to the Strawberry Fest activities. He also said that the Saturday open houses will resume, from June through August, and that docents will be needed. Marlene Netzler asked if scripts for each building were available, and they are.

Maggie Thompson donated a booklet about the downtown Father's Day fire in 1999. She said that the person who knocked a building down to stop the spread, Chad Bestul, deserves extra recognition for that day. She also mentioned that Charlie Thompson did pick up the 54"x60" historical map of Waupaca Co.

Meeting adjourned 6:53 pm

Harold "Lefty" Clumpner gave an excellent presentation about the history of Ogdensburg. Sarah had booklets on the history available too, for a modest donation that will be used for restoration of the bank. The presentation was recorded and is available for any member who would like to borrow it.

Program ended around 8pm

Minutes recorded by John Bertelson Jr.