

**German Settlement History, Inc.
September 11, 2004 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Meier.

Present were Marilyn Erickson, Luann Lind, Tuffy Marheine, Maryalice McHugh, Gene Meier, Michael Meier and Toni Meier.

Absent were Michael Cullen, Karen Johnson, Marvin Meier, Ron Meier and Patricia Mueller.

Visitors were Dawn Meier, Marie Meier and Pam Welch.

The minutes of the June 19, 2004 and July 24, 2004 meetings were accepted.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Toni reported that Karen had talked with Henry and windows and log repair would be done this fall. Henry has picked up the windows and Yoder's have been paid for the construction of the windows. Henry will now stain the frames and install them. The foundation work will be completed after Henry has done what restoration he can. Jane Gilge told us about Sharon Hause in Ogema who knows how to do log chinking. She is willing to help us or show us how to do the chinking next summer.

Michael reported that at the reunion Raymond Borg had described the process used in the construction of the Yesterday House. It was agreed that this process should be documented.

The motion to accept the gift of \$300 from Kathy Meier for oral history was approved but changed to include digital video cam recording also.

Forms for the Release of Rights in Sound Recording, Oral Interview Guidelines and information on conducting an oral interview were approved.

Dawn and Pam volunteered to get the digital video cam recording started this fall.

Suggestions for persons to interview were: Raymond Borg, Max and Bessie Scheller, Harold Rhody, Ron Meier, Albert Meier, Owen Meier, Evelyn Nyberg, Millie Evans, Earl and Birdie Hartwick, Arlen Andreae, Lloyd and Elaine Nelson, Florence Larson, ~~Bob Berg~~, Bob Tripp, Tuffy and Shirley Marheine, Gloria Brietzke, Gene and Marie Meier. *Harti Knopp*

Suggested topics were: immigration, logging, farming, hunting, fishing, where and how people lived, the military road, lumber camps, the mills – Rib Lake and Tomahawk, railroads, bridges.

A motion was approved to pay an interviewer \$20 for each interview of two hour duration or more and provide the equipment and supplies.

It was agreed to table the issue of binding Jeanette's books until Ron could be part of the discussion.

It was agreed that we would give the Gilge's a certificate in appreciation for their contribution of Jeanette's books for sale at the reunion. Michael Meier will design the certificate and Pam Welsh will produce it.

A motion was approved to pay the registration fee to the Annual Local History Convention for Michael and Toni.

The publication *Conservation Corner* was passed out and noted that it has information on how to mark items for identification and the record keeping needed for artifacts.

At the reunion Vivian Rhody had looked at the loom and indicated that next summer she would be interested in helping us set it up.

There was a discussion about the possibility of GSHI being given the old town documents for preservation.

Maryalice presented the picture she picked up from Rose Fossheim of Hawkins, Wisconsin. It is a framed picture that appears to have been from a calendar imprinted with the name "CW Nelson, Spirit Wisconsin". It is a picture of a mother and young daughter in color, probably from the late 30's. Ms Fossheim had gotten it from an antique store in Hawkins. She will be sent an acknowledgement.

The next meeting was set for January 15, 2005.