

## **German Settlement History, Inc** **August 31, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Meier.

Present were Marilyn Erickson, Luann Lind, Karen Johnson, Dawn Meier, Marvin Meier, Michael Meier, Ron Meier, Toni Meier, Maryalice Mchugh and Patricia Mueller. Sheryl Brietzke and Gene Meier were absent and excused. Visitors were Karen Baumgartner, LaVonne Meier and Harold Rhody.

The minutes of the March 29, 2008 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was approved. The checking account balance of 5701.35 was discussed. The intent being to invest as much as we can after what will be needed for the new building pad preparation this fall.

The Barn Dance was very well attended. Again there were many new attendees from the neighborhood. The silent auction had a lot of items contributed and a lot of action from bidders. Luann's report of all the contributors for the auction items and the bidders who won was handed out. The auction made \$960.49, book sales were \$15.00 and contributions were \$839.37 for a total of \$1814.86. Eric Gladson donated \$175 of his DJ time and Darrel and Luann donated \$300 for the DJ fee. How to recognize the contributors was discussed and it was decided to add them to our contributors list in the newsletter at the level of the auction amount. It was suggested that we apply for Walmart grant funds for next years event. The Barn Dance will be on May 24, 2009 next year. ?

Discussion about the new building plans brought up the suggestion that we raise more money and not depend on volunteers to build the building. We would probably need \$5 to \$6 thousand additional. Maryalice suggested that we look into a grant to help fund the project. She may know of a granting system where you make one application and it feeds to several organizations that fund grants. A building committee of Michael Meier, Marvin Meier, Karen Johnson and Luann Lind was charged with the task of getting at least two bids that would include the sizes and depth of overhang that were discussed.

Maryalice moved and Karen seconded the motion that we build the access drive and pad for the new building this fall. The motion passed. Gene has moved the top soil off and piled it up. Luann was asked to contact Scott Komarek to give us a bid on the site preparation and the building committee would move ahead with the plan.

Luann moved and Maryalice seconded the motion that we allow Kathy Meier to use GSHI as the corporation name for the grant on the history of Brannon she is working on. The motion passed.

From our project list:

1. The Hillbillies will be notified that they can plant their memorial next spring.
2. Many thanks to all who helped with the spring work day that got the walkway underway. Many many thanks to Luann for the work of placing the concrete blocks. The walkway is beautiful.
3. It was suggested that the flagpole be placed by the driveway or out by the new building.
4. The camera for oral history still needs to be fixed.
5. We will check with Jeanette Gilge's sons for permission to publish her books as we need them.

Sheryl Brietzke is sending her letter of resignation. Karen Baumgartner was asked to consider being a director on our board.

Policy for consignments was discussed. Marvin moved and Toni seconded the motion that our policy be to charge a 10% commission for future consignments. The motion passed

Michael brought up the concern that many Liberty School Newsletters are being destroyed in the mailing process and people either don't get them or they come in pieces. Two suggestions were offered. One that we offer the newsletter by e-mail and that we send the newsletter in a mailing envelope and possibly only do two mailings a year. We will try both.

Ron and LaVonne reported that the bridge ends, steps and handrails are done. The outhouse is set up, cleaned up and functional. Two picnic shelters are done and trails are in process. The Saturday dedication with a noon picnic, music and speakers was well attended and great fun. It had good newspaper coverage and the park is lovely.

The next GSHI board meeting will be Sunday afternoon, January 18, 2009 at 2:00 PM.