German Settlement History, Inc September 22, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes January 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Meier.

Present were Marilyn Erickson, Karen Johnson, Luann Lind, Dawn Meier, Marvin Meier, Michael Meier, Ron Meier, Toni Meier. Sheryl Brietzke and Maryalice Mchugh. Patricia Mueller and Gene Meier were absent and excused. Karen Baumgartner, Gary and Barb Failing, LaVonne Meier, Bob Haarsh, Nathaniel Rhody and Pat Swenson attended as visitors.

The minutes of the September 22, 2007 meeting were approved, as was the Treasurer's report.

There were a number of favorable comments on the December issue of the Liberty School News and Michael is still asking that people write about their school experiences and teachers that have influenced their lives. Ron offered to help assemble the next issue, which we hope will be in March.

Michael presented plans for a possible steel building 40" x 45" from Menards design program. Ron suggested that we check with Hixwood Metal LLC in Stanley also and make our decision on building at our next meeting.

Luann got rave reviews from those of us who have seen the new GSHI web site at germansettlementhistory.org. Toni will check with Price County Tourism to list our web site on their web site. The members of the board that were present gave Luann permission to use their pictures in future postings on the web site.

There was a little more work done on the walkway before the rains began. This will continue when weather permits.

Price Electric delivered the pole that will be used to support the flag pole donated by John Marshall. This too will be worked on when weather permits and people and machines are available.

The logging day is set for February 16th. There will not be time to get a Thrivent grant in place for this one.

The Barn Dance planning will be done at our next meeting.

There was discussion about the many projects we have going and Michael offered to make a detailed list of the projects and the steps needed to accomplish them so we can do a better job of addressing the projects and make and see progress on them. He will get the list out to the board for preview before the next meeting.

Toni mentioned that Michael's daughter Naomi would be visiting this next summer and has offered to help set up the museum computer program and get us going with that part of the accessioning process.

Ron and Lavonne reported that the stone arch bridge is completed and that the ends now need to be landscaped with perennials of some kind. The displays are here and work on the rest of the park can go ahead this summer.

The next board meeting will be Saturday, March 29th at 11:00 AM with a potluck lunch and possible work day.