

## German Settlement History, Inc March 29, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Meier who read a very nice note from Joy Ann Diefenbach along with a check for \$400 because she had missed contributing to GSHI last year.

Present were Marilyn Erickson, Luann Lind, Dawn Meier, Gene Meier, Marvin Meier, Michael Meier, Ron Meier, Toni Meier, Maryalice McHugh and Patricia Mueller. Sheryl Brietzke and Karen Johnson were absent and excused. Lance Meier, Lane Meier and LaVonne Meier were visitors..

The minutes of the January 20, 2008 meeting were approved, as was the Treasurer's report. M/S/P by Marvin Meier and Dawn Meier.

The February 16<sup>th</sup> logging day was a great success. Thanks to Ron and Lavonne for donating the timber. And thanks to the following for cutting and skidding the timber: Darrell Pierson, Joel Marheine, Andy Holmquist, Gene Meier, Bob Faufau, Nathaniel Rhody, Ron Meier, Terry Johnson, Dawn Meier, Duane Harper, Lance Meier, Doug Erickson, Michael Meier, Matthew Rhody, and Hesston Meier. Thanks to Marilyn Erickson, LaVonne Meier and Toni Meier for serving lunch. Thanks to Lance Meier for hauling a load of bolts and a load of pulpwood and donating part of his freight charge.

Lance presented us with a check for \$598.64 that is the balance of the pulpwood payment from Blomberg Logging, Inc. of \$1044.80 less the hauling charge for both the pulpwood and the bolts. The check from Meier Forest Products, Inc. in Athens will come directly to GSHI for \$1850.00.

To start the Barn Dance planning, Luann passed out flyers for us to proof and to put on display, which will start our advertising. She reported that there will be a few more improvements to the process. There will be two more shelves for display of silent auction items and we will structure the closing and payment process so it will run smoother. She then outlined the jobs that need to be done and we volunteered as follows:

<u>Job</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
Serve pie and ice cream	Joleen Meier, Patricia Mueller, Maryalice McHugh
Silent auction	Toni Meier, Maryalice McHugh, Patricia Mueller
Advertising	Pam Welch, Dawn Meier
Greeters	Gene Meier, Marvin Meier
Cleaning	Toni Meier, Sheryl Brietzke
Bake pies	Karen Johnson, LaVonne Meier, Toni Meier, Marilyn Erickson
Put up posters	Toni Meier, Marilyn Erickson
Horse and buggy rides	Luann will contact
Walmart grant	Toni will contact
Contact silent auction donors	Luann Lind, Sheryl Brietzke and all board members with opportunity
2:00PM Sunday setup	Michael Meier, Toni Meier, Sheryl Brietzke

Luann asks that silent auction items be gotten to her as soon as possible, so the id cards and sign up sheets can be done prior to the Sunday of the auction.

As we considered the bid for the new building from Hixwood and Menards, with the information that since this will be a public building it will probably need to be constructed as commercial building and have state approved plans the need to set some priorities again surfaced and we decided to go to our projects list before deciding on the building.

Lance wished to bring to the boards attention the historical items that are still in the Sugar Shack at the Meier Homestead. He feels that they should be in the GSHI archives for preservation and display. Since Clare Meier has some say in what happens to things in the Sugar Shack, Marilyn Erickson volunteered to talk to Clare Meier and report back to the board.

As priorities evolved from the projects list, it was M/S/P by Luann Lind and Marilyn Erickson that the new building project be limited to the preparation of the site and access road for 2008. Gene noted that this also needs to be done when the gravel crusher is in the neighborhood. The bidding companies will be notified and thanked.

It was the consensus of the board that the Yesterday House rodent proofing, chinking and additional display items be of the highest priority on our project list. Workdays of 4/19/08, 5/3/08 and 5/17/08 were set up.

It was M/S/P by Ron Meier and Dawn Meier that if the timing for the machinery and manpower come together that the flagpole be raised this summer.

As weather and time permit we will work on the walkway. Luann has volunteered to help and others will be contacted as needed.

Maryalice talked about how much she appreciates the CD that has her fathers story about life and the war. She wants to encourage us to continue the oral history even it is not on camera. Dawn reported that the camera is not working. Michael volunteered to take the camera to someone to check it out.

Luann asked to be part of bookbinding when we need to bind more books.

LaVonne reported that when the weather permits they will be working on some kind of safe access to the top of the bridge, since that seems to be the first thing children and adults seem to want. Then they hope for community help in graveling trails so they can be covered with wood chips. The signs will be put up also as weather permits.

The next GSHI board meeting will be Sunday afternoon, August 31, 2008 at 2:00 PM.