

## **German Settlement History, Inc. January 25, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Meier at 2:03 P.M. He read a very nice letter from Sheryl Brietzke who is resigning from the board as she will be moving out of state soon and therefore unable to continue an active role as board member. Dawn will work with Pam Welch to print a thank you plaque for her service to the organization. We also welcomed Karen Baumgartner to the Board as a new member.

Present at the meeting were Luann Lind, Gene Meier, Ron Meier, Toni Meier, Maryalice McHugh, Karen Johnson, Karen Baumgartner, Michael Meier, and Dawn Meier. Absent and excused were Marvin Meier, Marilyn Erickson and Patricia Mueller. Visitors included Pat Swenson, Marie Meier, Harold Rhody and LaVonne Meier.

The minutes of the August 31, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. The Treasurer's report included a detailed break-down of the income and expenses from the May 25, 2008 Barn Dance Fundraiser with the Balance Sheet being reviewed and approved as written.

Toni Meier respectfully resigned her position as Secretary of the Board and after a brief discussion Dawn Meier was elected to fill the position.

Michael has been in contact with Price County Zoning and a new fire number will be assigned for the new building. Plans for the funding and construction of a new post frame 40 x 40 building to house logging, farming and household tools, and utensils as an educational display and included the presentation of the draft Grant Application to Plum Creek Foundation. With a few editing suggestions, it was moved by Maryalice and seconded by Karen, to proceed with the grant application proposal of \$10,000 and submit by the January deadline. The building committee presented one building proposal bid for consideration but we would like to get at least one more quote.

The next Barn Dance Fundraiser is being planned for May 24, 2009 at the Lind Farm. We agreed to have our next meeting on March 14, 2009 beginning at 11:00 A.M. including a potluck, which will give us enough time to coordinate and plan the project assignments for the Barn Dance.

Michael talked to Mary Jo Ulrich of the Hillbillies 4H club and they will do a memorial planting in the spring in honor of Elaine Vanderhoof in the spring. Many many thanks to Luann for completing the walkway to the Yesterday House and to Gladys Howard for her help.

Book sales of the Jeannette Gilge series have been slow. We will begin selling the books for \$5 each or the entire set for \$20. Luann Lind will place a picture of the book covers and a short description of the books on the German Settlement website. A few editions of Carl Rhody's books are out of print and we will be researching the possibility of publishing additional copies.

Luann Lind has done a great job of developing the website [www.germansettlementhistory.org](http://www.germansettlementhistory.org), although there was a suggestion that a counter be installed so we would know how often the website gets viewed.

For the first time The December 2008 edition of the Liberty School News was sent out in manila envelopes and as a result there were no reported incidents of damage through the mail and appears a bit easier to process. The next issue will be sent electronically to those that wish to be included on the list.

It was agreed that GSHI should be affiliated with the Wisconsin State Historical Society and Karen Baumgartner supplied some of the background information needed to apply for inclusion. There was a discussion led by Michael and Toni Meier regarding their Legacy Planning. They will begin the process of updating their Will and spelling out the legal status of the property and buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier