

**German Settlement History, Inc.**  
**June 13, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 2:11 P.M.

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

The minutes of the March 27, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Maryalice made a motion, seconded by Karen B. to accept the minutes as written with unanimous approval. Toni moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Maryalice with unanimous approval.

Barn Dance Fundraiser held May 30th was an overwhelming success. We discussed whether the donations at the door should be considered toward GSHI membership. We agreed that unless it is specified, any door donations will be considered as a donation. If someone donates \$25.00 or more at the Barn Dance and wants to be a member, they will need to make the request and complete a membership form.

Maryalice presented several publications in which the barn dance was highlighted. It appears that advertising for the Barn Dance has somewhat taken on a life of its own and we are never sure who or how the media receives their information, but we are grateful for the good publicity.

We discussed a few improvements that were made this year such as having the expansion of the haymow for the pie serving room, having bids sheets on each item, sanitary gloves and wet wipes for the pie servers, etc. Although we seem to get better each year, there were a few suggestions to help improve the event. Directions as listed in some publications are a bit confusing and it would help if the pies were pre-cut by the bakers in 8 slices each.

There were at least 230 names that signed the registration book with the biggest turn-out to date. Thanks to everyone who assisted in the success of the event. Dawn and Pam will also have thank you ads placed in the surrounding newspapers (Leader, Bee, Star News) to show our gratitude.

Saturday, July 10 will be a Picnic Gathering at the Liberty School. Everyone is welcome at noon for a potluck lunch. GSHI will provide brats, hot dogs, buns, coffee, lemonade, plates, utensils and napkins. Marilyn & Karen J. will take care of the drinks and Marv will grill the meat. Karen B. will donate some name tags for the GSHI Board Members so that we can be more easily recognized at events. Finn Power will play from 1-3.

Karen B. presented an idea of having family history display posters available for any family that wishes to put a simple display together. Maryalice will check into purchasing a dozen of the 18 x 24 frames to have available. Karen B. also has some shelves and brackets that will help display the finished poster boards.

Work Projects for the summer: Luann will paint a 4 x 8 sign for the Machine Shed. A work day is scheduled for June 15 for anyone that is available to assist. Michael would like to have the Marheine school bell moved closer to the Machine Shed, and we would also like to get the flag pole installed. Marilyn and Karen J. have been finishing the painting on the inside of the Machine Shed. Dawn contacted UWSP for an interpretive sign project - the next class will be held during the spring semester. As the grout is being finished in the basement of the Liberty School, Michael and Toni are planning to get the display set up of an original schoolroom in the girl's hall.

We had a discussion on the issue of rodent proofing/chinking the Yesterday House walls. No specific method was agreed to at this time. We may need additional expertise and direction to find the best solution. Toni will contact Old World Wisconsin for their recommendations. Michael will check into getting some mouse traps for the building. Gene pointed out that at some point, the roof of the building will need to be repaired.

Toni brought up the issue of needing to find a small publishing company that would be able to reprint a few of Carl Rhody's and Jeannette Gilge's books. Following the meeting, Dawn ran a search for independent book publishers and found this source: [www.bookmarket.com/101publishers](http://www.bookmarket.com/101publishers) Luann will be making a few updates to our website. Purchasing books directly from the GSHI website is now available.

The next GSHI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday September 5, 2010 at 5:00, with a potluck meal.

Karen B. presented a draft version of a concise History of the Yesterday House which could be used by anyone giving tours and would help to explain the story of the building. Dawn is looking into getting a name plate made for the painting of Amandus Johnson by grandson Jeff Johnson and the photograph of Albin, Hilma and Arthur Johnson, so they are more readily identified. Marilyn is working with Gloria Brietzke to develop Honor Roll of Liberty School students who served in the military. It was noted that the original school was built in either 1889 or 1890 and operated as District 6 and District 4 and then the Liberty School was built in 1919.

Pam checked into the idea of pre-printing the envelopes that are used to mail the Liberty School News for nearly the same cost as the use of the current adhesive labels. Dawn made a motion, seconded by Maryalice to order 3,000 envelopes, with bulk mailing certificate, return address and return service request pre-printed. Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 with a motion by Pam, second by Maryalice.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier

Secretary