

German Settlement History, Inc.
March, 27, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 12:52 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Gene Meier, Maryalice McHugh, Michael Meier, Karen Baumgartner, Marvin Meier, Marilyn Erickson, Toni Meier, Ron Meier, Luann Lind and Dawn Meier. Absent and excused were Patricia Mueller, Karen Johnson and Pam Welch. Visitors included Barb and Gary Failing, Pat Swenson, LaVonne Meier, Bob Harrsch, Robert and Ann Rusch, Lorraine Killian, Darrel Lind, Linda Marshall, Gloria Krueger and Katie Krueger.

The minutes of the January 17, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Marv made a motion, seconded by Toni to accept the minutes as written with unanimous approval. The Treasurer's report was presented by Dawn on behalf of Pam Welch. Karen or Maryalice moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Gene with unanimous approval.

Marvin presented a draft version of the bylaws which the sub committee of Toni, Karen B and Marv had developed for consideration. There was much discussion regarding term limits of board members, membership financial amounts and voting rights of GSHI members.

It was agreed that each member is allowed one vote.

There will be no discounted family memberships.

The current rate for basic membership is \$25 per year per individual.

Anyone may become a member during the year; annual membership renewal is due Jan 31.

Current board members would appoint a nominating committee to propose nominations for the board and GSHI members could also forward nominations to the nominating committee.

Elections will be held during the January meeting and only GSHI members may cast a vote.

Prior to elections, all members will receive a ballot for voting.

GSHI members may attend in person or return their absentee ballot as a proxy vote anytime prior to the day of the election.

Following the discussion, minor edits to the proposed bylaws were suggested and will be incorporated into the final version based upon the motion by Michael, seconded by Maryalice to accept the proposed changes and was unanimously approved. Marv will type the changes and have available the final version of the approved bylaws for the next meeting.

Gene was nominated by Toni, seconded by Maryalice for the Vice President position. Karen B was nominated by Dawn, seconded by Marv for the VP position. With a show of hands vote, Karen won the election with the majority for the Vice President position.

For the record, board members were reminded about the email vote that was held shortly after the Jan meeting in which Toni received approval to move forward with the purchase of the laptop computer in order to take advantage of a sale price that was being offered on the model we desired. Gene made a motion, seconded by Maryalice to formally approve the purchase of the laptop computer including a 3 year service package and to reimburse Toni for the full amount of the purchase.

Barn Dance (May 30th) planning was reviewed with the following specific assignments:
Setting up posters around the neighboring towns; Dawn, Pam, Toni and Marilyn

Placing radio and newspaper ads; Dawn and Pam

Baking Pies; Karen J, LaVonne, Marilyn and Dawn

Sweeping hay mow floor; Karl Lind & Hesston Meier

Vacuum & clean the barn; Luann, Toni and Michael

Silent Auction Set-up; Toni, Marvin, Dawn and Pam

Greeters at the door; Gene and Marilyn

Serving Pie & Ice Cream; Patricia, Joleen and Maryalice

Count money and tally auction items; Maryalice, Toni, Karen B and Pam

Set up for the event will be at 2:00 on Sunday. Anyone that is available to assist with moving furniture, decorating and preparing signs is encouraged to help out.

During the evening of the Barn Dance, Michael will be available to accept guests until it gets dark (9:30) for those who wish to visit the Liberty School and Yesterday House.

Work Projects that we will work on this spring/summer: Luann will donate a 4 X 8 sheet of primed aluminum to paint a sign for the Machine Shed. Michael recommended that work on the inside of the machine shed could be started when folks have available time. The flag pole and school bell need to be planted once the frost is out of the ground. Dawn will contact the professor at UWSP to see about having a student work on an interpretive sign for the property, similar to the signs at Spirit Memorial Park. Maryalice, Marv, Dawn, Karen B and Toni will work on coming up with 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. Karen J, Karen B, Toni and Patricia will clean the Yesterday House to be ready to accept guests. We would like to find a set of authentic cast iron fry pans to replace the Made in Taiwan set. Karen B suggested setting up the kitchen to make it look more authentic including food (fake or plastic) into the exhibit.

Michael reminded the group of the Liberty School gathering which will be held Saturday July 10.

The next GSHI meeting is scheduled for Sunday June 13, 2010 beginning at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier
Secretary