

German Settlement History, Inc.
Sept. 5, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 5:01 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Karen Johnson, Marilyn Erickson, Gene Meier, Maryalice McHugh, Michael Meier, Luann Lind, Marv Meier, Karen Baumgartner, Toni Meier, Ron Meier, Pam Welch and Dawn Meier. Absent and excused was Patricia Mueller. Visitors included Bob Harsch, Clare Meier, Marie Arneson, Debbie Meier, Courtney Pierson, Joleen Meier and Marie Meier.

The minutes of the June 13, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Maryalice made a motion, seconded by Marv to accept the minutes as written with unanimous approval. Marv moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Maryalice with unanimous approval.

Patricia Mueller submitted her letter of resignation to Toni and Michael, which will become effective at the annual meeting in January.

Discussion continued from the previous meeting having to do with membership requirements and how the Chart of Accounts would reflect the specific membership categories. Pam stated her concern about the accounting issue and classification of how membership donations are being tracked and recorded. There was a rather lively discussion with several options for classifying membership categories and whether making a \$25 or more donation of money or item for the barn dance automatically makes someone a member or if they specifically need to ask to be a member and to fill out the application form. Luann suggested that a sub-committee review the issue and offered the following options: change the by-laws to reflect the various membership categories, change the application form to reflect the membership levels or leave both as they are but recognize that becoming a member of GSHI for a minimum of \$25 per person is technically different than donating a larger amount which classifies them for one of the higher levels of membership categories. Pam, Maryalice and Toni volunteered to review the membership categories and to determine what it specifically takes to become a member. They will make changes and report those changes at the next board meeting.

The 5 year rotation schedule of board members is scheduled to begin January 2011. Every year, two out of ten board members will be required to be re-nominated or replaced, so that over the course of 5 years there would possibly be a complete change on the Board of Directors. Michael and Toni do not rotate and will remain on the board indefinitely. Pam (who is currently not a board member) drew the names of the 10 board members to determine the rotational schedule. Patricia's position will be filled by the election in January, along with Gene who could either be replaced or voted in for another 5 year term. In January of 2012, Maryalice and Ron's terms will expire, in 2013 Marilyn and Marv's terms will expire, in 2014 Karen J. and Luann's terms will expire and in 2015 Karen B. and Dawn's terms will expire. Marv and Karen J. volunteered to be the nominating committee who will submit 2 or 3 names to Michael by the middle of November to be included on the ballot for the Annual meeting in January 2011. Members not able to attend the annual meeting will be allowed a proxy vote for the two new Directors of the Board who will begin their 5 year term.

The new GSHI laptop computer is in operation and the next step is to purchase the Past Perfect 5 Software for museums which is specific for museums and historical societies and will be purchased shortly.

Several people were recognized for completing work projects this summer: Karen J. and Marilyn for finishing the paint on the inside of the machine shed and for setting up the drinks at the July picnic, Karen B. and Karen J. for cleaning the Yesterday House, Michael, Gene, Ron and Marv for the Machine Shed displays, Marv and Michael for grilling at the July picnic, Pam for getting the envelopes pre-printed for future mailings, Karen B. for supplying names tags for Board of Directors and for providing shelving and brackets for the family poster display.

Upcoming work projects include: Luann is painting the 4 x 8 sign for the Machine Shed. Maryalice and Michael are working on finding a book publisher that will be able to print the books that are now out of print. Toni will contact Henry Mast to repair the insulation and finish work on the Machine Shed. Karen B. proposed to add a shelf in the Yesterday House in the kitchen between the stove and the door to display additional items. Pam will print a Certificate of Thanks to Patricia for serving on the Board since 2003. Karen B. learned from Herb Magnuson that he has some hand hewn logs that he would donate to GSHI, Michael may follow-up with him.

Vice President Karen B. took over the meeting from Luann who had to leave early due to prior commitments and finished with other related business and items of interest.

The next GSHI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 16, 2011 at 2:00.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM with a motion by Marv second by Karen J.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier

Secretary
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