

German Settlement History, Inc.
January 16, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 2:08 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Toni Meier, Pam Welch, Marilyn Erickson, Karen Johnson, Luann Lind, Karen Baumgartner, Gene Meier, Maryalice McHugh, Marv Meier, Ron Meier, and Dawn Meier. Absent and excused was Michael Meier. Visitors included Pat Swenson, LaVonne Meier, Marie Meier, Glenn Brazelton, Marie Arneson and Marvin Arneson.

The minutes of the September 5, 2010 meeting were reviewed and with one slight wording change, Marv made a motion, seconded by Maryalice to accept the minutes as updated with unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Pam made a suggestion that GSHI request a debit card for Toni and Michael to use for minor expenses such as postage and other incidentals, rather than getting reimbursed from the treasurer. Marv moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Karen J. with unanimous approval.

Election of Board Members included the tally of all ballots received prior to the meeting. Gene Meier was elected for another 5 year term and Pam Welch was elected to a five year term. It was suggested for next year, that the nominating committee present at least 3 names for the two positions (Marilyn and Marvin) that will be elected. GSHI currently has 79 members, with 27 ballots being cast this year.

Pam, Maryalice and Toni served on the Membership sub-committee looking into the membership application and finalizing the various categories and format for the application. A few suggestions to be added include: adding the membership year, GSHI phone number, website and email address to be included on the application and putting the application on the website. For the record, it was determined that Board Members will be required to also be dues paying members in the Sawyer category.

Due to the wet fall, cold winter and busy schedules, there has not been much progress on the Project List since September: Michael did install a shelf in the kitchen of the Yesterday House, but all other projects seem to be on hold. Maryalice and Michael are researching sources for publishing books and hope to report progress at the next meeting. With the Liberty School now having wireless internet service, Karen and Toni will order the software program to be used on our new laptop computer. Michael will follow-up with Herb Magnuson regarding his possible donation of hand hewn logs that may be able to be used to repair damaged spots of the Yesterday House. Henry Mast is aware of the need to fix the insulation in the machine shed and will put it on his schedule in the spring.

Dawn was asked by the professor of the interpretive media class at UW Stevens Point if GSHI is still interested in developing some professional signs. The Board agreed that it would be nice to have at least two signs with the quality similar to what was done at the Spirit Memorial Park, one focusing on the Yesterday House and one sign telling the story of GSHI and who we are. Dawn will present the basic ideas at the class the first Monday in February and will have the students who are assigned this project, to contact various Board Members for other ideas and suggestions. Maryalice made a motion, second by Pam to designate the funds raised at this years Barn Dance towards the purchase of 2 signs and to proceed with the UWSP project.

Special guest Glenn Brazelton, member of Price County Historical Society presented a Strategic Plan Proposal whereby the various historical and cultural organizations throughout the County would be able to work together on long-term planning as a way to pool resources and learn from each other. Glenn has personal experience in Virginia and wishes to share his knowledge and skills with Price County to build on the strengths of each group, for the betterment of all. We are on board with the concept and would like to move forward. Luann will serve as the GSHI contact person.

Other business: Kathy Meier gifted GSHI a thermal laminator with laminating supplies. A sympathy card and donation of \$50.00 to the Flambeau Home Health & Hospice memorial was presented to Karen B. in memory of her husband John Baumgartner, following a motion by Toni, second by Marv with unanimous approval by the board. Pam recognized Luann for doing an outstanding role as President of GSHI this past year. Ron and Gene will schedule a logging bee fundraiser later this winter with all profits being donated to GSHI.

The next GSHI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 12, 2011 at 1:00 following a potluck lunch.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Marv second by Karen J.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier

Secretary
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Immediately after the annual meeting of the GSHI Board of Directors, the election of Officers resulted in the following actions:

President - nomination by Marv, second by Pam to elect Luann Lind as GSHI President for a one year term. Toni made a motion with second by Maryalice to close nominations for President. Karen B. made a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Luann as President, with a second by Marv.

Vice President - nomination by Maryalice, second by Marilyn to elect Karen Baumgartner as GSHI Vice President for a one year term. Pam made a motion with second by Toni to close nominations for Vice President. Gene made a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Karen B. as Vice President, with a second by Marv.

Secretary - nomination by Toni, second by Pam to elect Dawn Meier as GSHI Secretary for a one year term. Maryalice made a motion with second by Marilyn to close nominations for Secretary. Marv made a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Dawn as Secretary, with a second by Gene.

Treasurer - nomination by Maryalice, second by Marv to elect Pam Welch as GSHI Treasurer for a one year term. Karen B. made a motion with second by Marilyn to close nominations for Treasurer. Toni made a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Pam as Treasurer, with a second by Maryalice.

Marv made a motion to adjourn the Meeting for the Election of Officers of the GSHI Board of Directors, with a second by Karen B., with unanimous approval.