

**German Settlement History, Inc.**  
**June 25, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 2:15 P.M.

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

The minutes of the March 12, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Maryalice made a motion, seconded by Marv to accept the minutes with unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Ron moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Toni with unanimous approval. Pam noted that a recent audit of the 2010 financial statements received a full compliance report from TM Accounting.

We discussed the various restricted accounts and noted that not much activity was occurring with any of them. Money in the Elaine Vanderhoof Memorial for the teachers garden could be used to purchase additional plants or for the installation of a sign. The Oral History account has not had any recent activity mainly due to the fact that our recording equipment is outdated and broken. We stressed the desire to record conversations with individuals such as Bessie Scheller, Elaine Nelson and Wayne Johnson. Perhaps we could find a student that is interested in multi-media that could assist with recording interviews. Toni will check with the school on who may be a good resource to assist with the project. Marilyn will take a tape recorder the next time she visits Bessie and Luann offered to use her video equipment and to have a conversation with Bessie.

Karen Baumgartner provided detailed information from the State Historical Society and the steps needed to become affiliated. Toni made a motion, seconded by Maryalice that we become affiliated with the State Historical Society, with unanimous board approval. Marv moved with a second by Michel that we amend our Bylaws to meet the requirement as necessary with the specifications so that we can become affiliated, motion passed with unanimous vote. Once a clean copy of the proposed bylaws is drafted, they will be published in the next edition of Liberty School News. Membership has the final say in what the Bylaws say, the board can suggest changes, but the membership needs to approve the changes.

The 7th Annual Barn Dance was a success with several new improvements and additions which added to the success. Gary Edinger teaching several square dances, a hay maze in the south end of the barn for kids, a display of old farm tools and equipment, pre-slicing the pies and a ceremony of the raising of the American flag. Thanks to everyone for pitching in and helping out wherever needed. And thanks to the Lind's for hosting the event. Next year it was suggested to have the mid-week vacuuming crew set up and organize the tables and chairs, rather than waiting until Sunday afternoon rush.

There was some discussion about a donation the night of the Barn Dance earmarked for a fund to build a ramp into the barn. Michael made a motion to ramp up efforts to research the costs and feasibility to raise additional money for a ramp at the approval of the landowners, seconded by Maryalice with unanimous approval. A subcommittee of Luann and Michael will look into the options available for installing accessible access into the barn dance, including cost estimates. A second subcommittee of Maryalice and Michael will work up the final proposal and description of the project for the next newsletter. {Does that sound right? I wasn't sure if I wrote that correctly}

The Interpretive Media class at UWSP presented GSHI with ten products that could be used to help tell our story. Michael made a motion, seconded by Pam to adopt the GSHI logo the students developed - with a few changes including darkening the Yesterday House sketch and widening the curve of Price County at the bottom, unanimously approved. Michael moved, with second by Marv to move forward with production of two panels - The Yesterday House and This Land is Your Land (with additional editing) which provides a good overview of the GSHI property. We will work to have the final signs installed by Labor Day weekend.

Project list for the summer includes additional work in the machine Shed. Ron and Gene have done good work so with additional clean-up and moving of equipment needed. Tuesday July 12 and 9:00 will be a work day in the Machine Shed for whomever is available.

GSHI currently has 8 copies of Never Miss A Sunset books that can be sold, with additional copies needing to be bound and possibility other copies in Kentucky with Bob Barnes who will donate them to sell. GSHI needs to find a book published for the Carl Rhody books, with the first challenge being that the entire book needed to be scanned into an electronic format. Searching on Abe Books and Amazon for older copies has been somewhat successful. It was discussed that providing a lending library is not productive as books rarely get returned.

Microsoft Office will be installed on the computer so that the Past Perfect program and other features with the computer will become functional.

New Business: Labor Day weekend will be an Open House with an old fashioned ice cream social on Sunday noon- 5:00 and Monday we will have baked goods 10:00 -5:00. Board Members who plan to be available to serve as docent include:

Karen B. - Sunday and Monday, Maryalice - Sunday, Marilyn - Monday Ron - Sunday and Monday, Marv - Sunday, Luann- Sunday, Pam - Monday, Dawn - Monday.

It has been discovered that The Yesterday House needs to be re-shingled. Michael and Gene have researched availability and found a supplier of authentic cedar shingles for \$1500 which will involve picking them up in UP Michigan, removing the old shingles and repairing a bit of the rood framing. Motion by Michael, second by Marv to proceed with replacing the wood shingles, with unanimous approval. Once the supplies are picked up, Gene, Marv and Luann would be willing to do the work - with Michael providing support from the ground. Michael and Gene will order the supplies and coordinate the pick-up.

A work day is being planned (date undetermined) to move things out of the red shed and sort and catalogue items that could be used in the Yesterday House for additional displays. Marilyn, Karen B., Luann and Toni will coordinate a date and begin this assignment.

The next GSHI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday Sept 4, 2011 at 5:00.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Marv second by Maryalice at 3:30 ish.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier

Secretary  
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