

German Settlement History, Inc. September 4, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 5:03 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Karen Baumgartner, Luann Lind, Karen Johnson, Marilyn Erickson, Marv Meier, Maryalice McHugh, Toni Meier, Michael Meier, Pam Welch, and Dawn Meier. Absent and excused were Gene Meier and Ronald Meier (deceased). Bob Harsch was our visitor.

The minutes of the June 25, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Maryalice made a motion, seconded by Marv to accept the minutes as revised with unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Maryalice moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Marilyn with unanimous approval.

Toni reported that a telephone vote was previously taken by nine board members regarding the proposal to move forward with a fundraiser which would allow to have an accessible ramp built on the outside of the Lind barn for easier access to the Barn Dance. Initial costs estimates for an accessible ramp built to federal code will be \$2,000 for materials and contractor oversight, with additional volunteer labor assisting with much of the actual construction. Maryalice moved to accept the telephone vote as approved, seconded by Marv. Marv then made a motion, seconded by Pam that any funds received from the Ronald Meier Memorial donations, be designated for the Barn Ramp Project. Toni amended the motion to also include any donations that are made on behalf of the Marie Meier Memorial, also be included, seconded by Pam with unanimous approval from the board.

The Bylaw Committee consisting of Karen B., Marv and Toni will update the Bylaws in time to be published in the November, 2011 edition of the Liberty School News, for final approval at our January, 2012 Annual Board Meeting. Our current Bylaws need to be edited slightly for eventual acceptance by the Wisconsin Historical Society

Due to the recent death of Marie Meier, Gene was unable to schedule the trip to Michigan to pick-up the cedar sawed shingles for the Yesterday House Re-roofing project. Gene will plan the trip soon and pay the second half of the payment for the shingles. Depending upon the weather, Luann, Marv, Gene and Michael may be able to complete the project yet this fall.

Dawn has been working with Jim Buchholz, Assistant Director of Schmeekle Reserve at University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point for final editing of the two interpretive panels "The Yesterday House" and "This Land is Your Land" that we agreed to have fabricated from the work the students presented.

Beginning January 2012, the five year terms of Ronald Meier and Maryalice McHugh will expire. The Board nominated seven potential names to fill the two openings. Pat Swenson, Allan Christensen, Linda Marshall. La Vonne Meier, Jennifer Sarkinen, Grace Ann Hansen and Maryalice McHugh. Committees member are to ask these folks on their interest in serving on the board so that the names can be published in the November edition of Liberty School News, for the January 2012 election.

Sympathy cards will be presented to Gene Meier for the loss of Marie and LaVonne Meier for the loss of Ronald from GSHI. A motion by Maryalice, second by Marv with unanimous approval by the board to make a donation of \$50.00 in Ronald's name to the Zion Lutheran Church Building fund and a donation of \$50.00 to the Gene Meier family.

Marv presented an idea from Kathy Meier to print note cards with pictures of wildflowers found in the German Settlement area that could be sold. Marv and Luanne will work on this project.

Maryalice announced to the board that Ancestry.com was having one free week of access to their website. An interesting tidbit that she discovered from researching the website was information from the voyage of the Hilmer Olson family to America. Maryalice found the passenger list for the ship Romeo leaving Gothenberg Sweden on 29 February 1884, and left a copy of that passenger list with GSHI. C Hilmer Olson, Husband, Maria Olson, Wife, Hilma Olson, Daughter (later married to Albin Johnson), Oliva Olson, Daughter, Emma Olson, Daughter, and also Amandus Johnson who was Maria's brother. Eventually Hilma, married Albin Johnson and their 1st home which was built by Amandus Johnson (Hilma's unclce) and Albin Johnson would later be known as the Yesterday House.

German Settlement History Facebook page needs to have 25 people "Like" it before we can become a legitimate group on the website, ask your friends and relatives to search for our site and click the "Like" button.

There was a suggestion made from a visitor at the open house today, that we have a portable sign installed at the corner of Hwy 86 and German Settlement Road that we can use when we have Open Houses, so that people are able to find the location easier.

The next GSHI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday January 28 at 10:00, followed by a potluck lunch. This will be our annual board meeting.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Maryalice, second by Karen J.at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier

Secretary
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