

German Settlement History, Inc.
January 26, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 10:13 A.M.

Present at the meeting were Gene Meier, Toni Meier, Pam Welch, Marilyn Erickson, Karen Johnson, Luann Lind, Karen Baumgartner, Maryalice McHugh, Marv Meier, Michael Meier, and Dawn Meier. Absent and excused was Barb Failing. Guests included, Russell Kirchmeyer, Joleen Meier, Ed Scheller, Marie & Marvin Arneson, LaVonne Meier, Dick & Linda Zielke and Pat Swenson.

The minutes of the September 2, 2012 meeting were reviewed, with one correction noted by Luann to change the description of the veterans display from boys to the girls hall. Maryalice made a motion, seconded by Karen J. to accept the minutes as updated with unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, with Pam reading a letter from TM accounting reporting an audit completed for the prior year of 2011 books with all records being in order. Maryalice moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Marv with unanimous approval.

Luann raised the issue of our website fee being billed through her personal credit card and then getting reimbursed from GSHI. Toni made a motion, seconded by Maryalice to set up the fees electronically to be charged directly to GSHI with unanimous approval.

Michael introduced the idea of GSHI offering some sort of premium gift for people who join our membership, such as a book. Michael presented an inventory of all the books that are currently on hand and available for sale or distribution. (Carl Rhody, Jeanette Gilge, etc.) Pam made a motion, seconded by Marilyn to develop some options for future membership thank you gifts at various levels, motion passed with unanimous approval. Michael, Pam and Maryalice volunteered to serve on a committee to explore options.

Toni presented information she acquired from DigiCopy for book publishing with cost estimates to reproduce "perfect" binding soft cover books. For 200 copies, the cost is \$5.84 each book or \$1168 for the lot. Maryalice offered that she would be able to scan a master copy of any book to prepare it for publishing. Toni made a motion, second by Pam to move forward with publishing the Carl Rhody book *Spirit Valley I* with 200 copies, and also to have Maryalice scan the next books in this order: Carl Rhody's *Spirit Valley II*, *Spirit Valley IV* and Jeanette Gilge's *Best of Intentions*. Motion passed unanimously as presented.

Luann reported on a discussion she had with Jayne Gilge regarding the legal publishing rights of Jeanette Gilge's books. Dean Gilge will send an electronic signed version, granting GSHI the full publishing rights to her books.

Thanks to Gene, Ed Scheller, Luann, Michael and many other volunteers, the Yesterday House shingling project did get completed, especially thanks to Ed's outstanding scaffolding which helped to keep everyone safe. There are several bundles extra of shingles which we may advertise in the next Liberty School news or at the barn dance auction.

In Service to Liberty interpretive design is being reworked slightly to replace the Peace Corps reference with a citation highlighting Dennis Lind and his service in Vietnam. Luann has secured several photos and a detailed account of Dennis' service and will provide a condensed version to Dawn to be included in the next draft of the sign. Once it has been updated, board members will have another opportunity to review the sign before going into final production. Dawn has the most updated list of Liberty school alumni who also served in the military and will send it out for review by the board.

Luann, Karen B. and Michael recently spent time accessioning artifacts from our collection and learning to use the Past Perfect software program. It has been a long time coming, with a lot of backlog work to accomplish, but we are making progress. There is standard nomenclature that needs to be incorporated, plus photographing each item, tagging it with a chronological number to be entered into the database. It is a complex process, but having Karen B. attend several on-line webinar training courses has been invaluable. Karen B. emphasized the requirement that anything donated to GSHI needs to have a deed of gift document completed which will follow each item. We thereby retain the right to sell, trade or dispose any item we accept, which will include the disposal record of each item.

GSHI plans to dedicate the *In Service to Liberty* and *Machine Shed* signs at our summer picnic. Luann will order the plaque acknowledging the Machine Shed sign *The Good Ol Days* in memory of Ronald Meier using the same design as the flower garden signs, only bigger.

There will be a winter work day Monday February 4 beginning at 10:00 to continue sorting and organizing display items in the Machine Shed. LaVonne Meier offered several wall dividers to the effort that may be used in the middle section of the building to help delineate some of the displays. She also mentioned that she has an original "stone boat" that she would like to donate.

Dawn reminded Board Members of the need for each of them to record volunteer hours which may include actual time working, travel time, assembling materials, administration and planning that is associated with GSHI efforts.

Luann informed the Board of three church pews that were donated for the Barn Dance, two from Ogema Baptist and one from First Lutheran in Prentice.

Toni presented a motion that was seconded by Maryalice to standardize the GSHI financial process which establishes a system so that two people are always counting the same money to ensure a check and balance. The person who reconciles a bank statement cannot also sign checks

on the account. The President or Vice President should be the individuals who sign all checks and not the Treasurer. Pam will need a letter from the Board to grant her permission to have access to the bank account and to be able to ask questions on behalf of the account. Motion passed unanimously.

Dick Zielke presented the board with research that he has done on the Spirit Store including original photographs from the early 1900's and other items of interest.

Election of Board Members included the tally of all ballots received prior to the meeting. Karen J. and Dawn served as the nominating committee for the replacement of Marilyn Erickson and Marv Meier whose five year terms had expired. Nominated for consideration to the Board were Pearl (Johnson) Kauer, Ed Scheller and Marv with Marilyn declining another term appointment. Marv Meier was elected for another 5 year term and Ed Scheller was welcomed to a five year term. Michael will send Pearl a note thanking her for considering the position.

The next GSHI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 23, 2013 at 10:00 followed by a potluck lunch.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Maryalice, second by Karen B. at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier

Secretary
02-03-2013

Immediately following the annual meeting of the G.S.H.I. the Board of Directors met to elect officers:

President - nomination by Maryalice, second by Toni to elect Luann Lind as G.S.H.I. President for a one year term. Marv made a motion with second by Michael to close nominations for President. Michael made a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Luann as President, with a second by Maryalice.

Vice President - nomination by Maryalice, second by Michael to elect Karen Baumgartner as G.S.H.I. Vice President for a one year term. Toni made a motion with second by Pam 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 Marilyn.

Secretary - nomination by Ed, second by Michael to elect Dawn Meier as G.S.H.I. Secretary for a one year term. Maryalice made a motion with second by Pam to close nominations for Secretary. Michael made a motion for the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Dawn as Secretary, with a second by Karen J.

Treasurer - nomination by Maryalice, second by Toni to elect Pam Welch as G.S.H.I. Treasurer for a one year term. Michael made a motion with second by Karen B. 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.

Maryalice made a motion to adjourn the Meeting for the Election of Officers of the G.S.H.I. Board of Directors, with a second by Karen B. with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier

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