

**German Settlement History, Inc.**  
**June 22, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 10:09 A. M.

Present at the meeting were Marvin Meier, Luann Lind, Gene Meier, Barb Failing, Michael Meier, Karen Baumgartner, Toni Meier, Pam Welch and Dawn Meier. Absent and excused were Karen Johnson and Maryalice McHugh. Visitors included, Pat Swenson, Louise Grubbs and Marilyn Erickson.

The minutes of the March 23, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Marv made a motion, seconded by Toni to accept the minutes as written with unanimous approval.

Upon reviewing the treasurer's report, Marv made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Dawn with unanimous approval.


9th Annual Barn Dance Fundraiser held May 26th was discussed. Several noted improvements from previous years included: cleaning and setting-up for the event in advance and lots of additional help to assist with building the hay maze. Glow sticks and glow necklaces given to the kids once it got dark was a bit hit. There was a good mix of music this year, with square dancing helping to engage the audience. Several suggestions for next year include: Luanne will have a bell available to signal the end of the silent auction, since there seems to be issues each year with people raising bids after the 10:00 final call has been made. We plan to incorporate 2 "tellers" and 3 others who would assist in processing the final bids and distributing the auction items after collecting the payments. There has been some confusion when individuals take their own items without going through the proper sequence. Next year we will advertise the flag raising ceremony and presentation of Board of Directors at 8:00, followed by the pie and ice cream. Placing a donation box near the pie table may also encourage additional donations.

The silent auction items generated a lot of excitement throughout the evening and the proceeds raised increased a bit over previous years. Money raised at the Barn Dance will be used for book publishing. Michael presented the finished publishing work on Carl Rhody's books #1, #2, and #4 where we have already received 200 copies of each.

The next book project includes professionally binding the Never Miss a Sunset book. We have received hundreds of unbound copies (loose leaf) from the Jeannette Gilge estate. Toni presented the quotes that she received from DigiCopy in Wausau for book binding. We would like the original yellow cover with the photo of the pioneer family on the front, plus an additional page for a photo of the early Meier family, a map of the local area and an errata sheet that lists the typos that were discovered in the pages of the unbound books. Pam made a motion, seconded by Dawn to have Toni proceed with having 300 copies of Never Miss a Sunset professionally bound. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

James Rhody's book "Brant's Bear" is currently out of print. We currently list it on our website as being available, but since we have a few copies we have decided to take it off the website and wait until there is a special request for the book before we decide our next action.

In Service to Liberty interpretive sign which highlights individual students who attended school at Liberty and went on to military service in the various branches and wars throughout history is completed. Toni volunteered to find a suitable black frame to finalize the sign panel. Luann will complete the list of known veterans who attended Liberty school and have it framed in an interchangeable system so that it could be easily updated as needed.

Marilyn presented a suggestion to offer a bumper sticker with the GSHI logo including a short message about Spirit. We liked Pam's suggestion of "I  Spirit" of all the ideas presented. Michael made a motion, seconded by Pam with unanimous approval to authorize Luann to pursue the bumper sticker idea in time for the July Picnic where we would purchase 100 or more, depending upon the price break. Luann will also look into magnets as a possibility. We will sell the bumper stickers and include the name of the purchaser for a drawing to receive one of the blankets remaining from the silent auction.

Saturday, July 20th from 11-3 will be the Picnic at the Liberty School. Everyone is welcome at noon for a potluck lunch. GSHI will provide brats, hot dogs, buns, coffee, lemonade, plates, utensils and napkins. Karen J. and Marilyn will prepare the drinks and Marv and Michael will grill the meat. Gene will assist with setting up the tables and tents. We will ask Gladys Howard to assist with the registration table. Pam and Dawn will help with the food table. At 1:00 we will have a dedication of the Machine Shed interpretive sign in memory of Ronald Meier and also a dedication of the In Service to Liberty interpretive panel and list of veteran's names.

Following the annual meeting in January, Ed Scheller respectfully declined the 5 year term on the Board of Directors which he was elected. Pearl Kauer who was also on the original ballot, also respectfully declined the seat on the Board left open by Ed.. At this time, the Board consists of 11 Directors and we will have a short meeting after the July 20th picnic to determine what our next action will be regarding filling the slot.

The next GSHI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday September 1, 2013 at 5:00.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55A. M. with a motion by Barb, second by Marv.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier

Secretary  
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