

German Settlement History, Inc.
September 1, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 5:01 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Karen Baumgartner, Michael Meier, Maryalice Mc Hugh, Toni Meier, Pam Welch, Karen Johnson, Gene Meier, Barb Failing, Luann Lind and Dawn Meier. Absent and excused was Marv Meier. Special guest was Jesse Rhody.

The minutes of the June 22, 2013 meeting were reviewed, with minor spelling errors noted. Karen J. made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected with a second by Michael with unanimous approval. A motion was made by Karen B. with a second by Michael to also accept the July 20, 2013 Special Board Meeting Minutes with unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Maryalice to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, second by Toni with unanimous approval.

Michael and Toni reported that they had a telephone call from the Merrill Library regarding the Carl Rhody books that we recently donated. The glue in the binding of volumes III and V appear to be brittle and have apparently been stored too long. The first time the books are opened, the bindings crack, allowing the pages to fall out easily. Michael and Toni requested a quote from DigiCopy who could rebind the current books for a cost of approximately \$4.09 each. Pam made a motion, second by Maryalice to contract with DigiCopy to rebind 200 copies of Carl Rhody's book III and 90 copies of V, at a cost of approximately \$1200. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Michael showed the completed copies of *Never Miss A Sunset* that had been bound recently including the original cover design of the book, a photo of the family described in the book including the list of names, a map of the area at the time the book takes place and an errata sheet that lists the typing errors that were found in the book.

Karen B. reported finding wood shavings and dirt in portions of the Yesterday House that may be caused by chipmunks or other rodents chewing the walls to gain access. The Board of Directors agreed that utilizing a darker color of caulk may be sufficient to block out future rodent activity. There will be a work day on October 15 beginning at 10:00 for whom ever is able to spend time doing this project and other work that should be completed before winter.

Gene made a suggestion that we bring in a load of gravel to level the area beyond the south west corner of the Machine Shed to better display machinery that does not need to be stored indoors. A motion was made by Maryalice, with a second by Toni to spend \$80-\$100 to truck in a load of gravel, with unanimous approval. Gene will work on rearranging the machinery and leveling the gravel once it arrives.

Our computer program "*Past Perfect*" has a feature for easily tracking volunteer hours which is useful data when we are applying for grants or analyzing our accomplishments from year to year. Volunteer hours can be counted for actual time spent working, driving time, time needed for assembling materials and tools for a project, plus any administration and planning time, including attending meetings. Dawn will continue to enter the hours into the "*Past Perfect*" database as they are submitted.

Due to the seat on the Board of Directors vacated by Ed Scheller, the nominating committee presented Jesse Rhody as the candidate who agreed to complete the remainder of the five year term. A motion made by Maryalice, second by Barb to accept the nomination of Jesse to the Board. We then elected Jesse to the Board as required in the By-Laws with Luann asking for ant further nominations three times. With no further nominations, an unanimous ballot was cast for Jesse Rhody as Board member, electing him to the position for the remainder of the five year term.

Michael informed the Board of a conversation that he had with Vivian Rhody regarding the Old Towne Mall store in Tomahawk. They would like to sell our books at their store for \$9.00 each where they would keep 30% of the sale cost and give us the remainder. Michael also indicated that the Bob Barnes family in Kentucky still has a supply of Jeanette Gilge's books that they may wish to donate to GSHI. LaVonne Meier will make contact with the family and Michael and Toni could bring them back when they travel near the area later this year.

The nominating committee consisting of Barb, Michael, Karen J. and Dawn will work together this fall to generate possible interest in new candidates for the Board of Directors.

The bumper sticker sales are going well and we will continue to make them available at our events.

Pam presented an idea having to do with the number of special events that we host throughout the year and proposing that we re-analyze our intent and commitment to the events that we sponsor from year to year. After discussing our options, we agreed that besides the Barn Dance which will be Sunday May 25, 2014, we will host a joint GSHI Open House/Friends of Liberty School picnic on July 26, 2014. We decided that due to so many other competing events, we would not host an event over the Labor Day weekend as we traditionally have been. Luann will draft a tri-fold brochure that could be used throughout the year to advertise our activities and give a brief summary of who we are and our mission. These brochures could be distributed at local visitor outlets and also included in the mailing to our members announcing the annual meeting which would help spread the word about our events.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 19, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. beginning with a potluck lunch followed by the meeting. This meeting will include the election of two Board Members and election of officers as needed. Board members each serve a five year term, with Karen Johnson and Luann Lind reaching the end of their current five year term at the end of 2013.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Toni, second by Barb at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier
Secretary
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