

**German Settlement History, Inc.**  
**January 19, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 1:33 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Gene Meier, Marv Meier, Jesse Rhody, Pam Welch, Karen Johnson, Barb Failing, Karen Baumgartner, Luann Lind, Maryalice McHugh, Toni Meier and Dawn Meier. Absent excused was Michael Meier. Guests included, Russell Kirchmeyer, Joleen Meier, Joan and Herb Magnuson, LaVonne Meier, Marilyn Erickson and Pat Swenson.

The minutes of the September 1, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Marv made a motion, seconded by Maryalice to accept the minutes with unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Maryalice moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Karen J. with unanimous approval. TM accounting will be auditing the books for 2013.

**Project Reports:**

All 290 of the Carl Rhody books that previously had broken and cracked bindings have been re-bound and are now ready to be sold or distributed as needed.

At the last workday in the fall, Jesse and Luann used 12 tubes of silicone caulk to begin filling rodent holes in the corners of the Yesterday House. Additional work on this project will need to be done in the spring to continue the work of eliminating access points for rodents.

Two loads of gravel were delivered near the machine shed and Gene was able to level it out prior to the winter. With one small stockpile reserved, he will be able to continue leveling it in the spring and it should be firmed up nicely to begin placing machinery on display outdoors which does not need to be stored indoors.

Several Board of Directors have turned in their volunteer hours for 2013. Dawn will continue to collect volunteer hours and enter them into the *Past Perfect* database for documentation.

Luann raised the question about the status of the Veterans Committee and what progress was being made. At the next meeting, the committee consisting of Marilyn Erickson, Michael and Dawn will report on future plans for the veterans display.

Luann presented a draft version of a threefold brochure for GSHI which provides a nice overview of our organization which could be used to distribute at tourist outlets and other locations around the area to help advertise our events. Edits and other suggestions for improvement should be given to Luann by January 25 so that copies can be made and distributed.

The Board had a discussion about our website, including the Domain name of germansettlementhistory and the web hosting site called Dotster. It was agreed that having an active presence on the World Wide Web is an important way to promote ourselves so we will continue paying the fees associated with that presence. Luann has been using a program named Web Easy for updating and maintaining our website and will continue to maintain an active account with them.

The nominating committee counted the ballots for the two open seats on the Board. Since no write-in votes were received from the total of 32 ballots returned, Maryalice made a motion to accept the results of the election with a second by Marv to elect Luann and Karen J. each to a five year term, which received unanimous approval.

The Board reviewed the written proposal presented by Michael and Toni having to do with future plans for the Girl's Hall, including in part to have several book shelves built that would house the school books from our collection. Gene will donate the rough cut pine lumber necessary for the job. Pam made a motion, with a second by Maryalice to contact Nathan Lind and/or Don Rhody for estimates to build the bookshelves to our specifications. We would like something that is rustic, yet classy and professional looking. The executive committee will make the final decision, once we hear back from the two contractors. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

In discussing our upcoming organized events, Mayalice made a motion, with a second by Pam to set the fourth Saturday in July each year as the date for our Open House Picnic. The event will be 11:00 – 3:00 with GSHI supplying the brats, hotdogs, buns and beverages and attendees would be asked to bring a potluck dish to share.

Russ Kirchmeyer presented some interesting historical data including a bus tour and slide show event that he hosted some twenty years ago which focused on visits of some 26 stops throughout the Spirit and German Settlement area. Russ is scheduled to make a presentation about the history of Ginseng in the area for the Knox Creek Heritage Center on March 15<sup>th</sup>, following their St. Irho's Day celebration. GSHI Board members are encouraged to attend this event if interested.

Toni made a motion, with a second by Maryalice to allow up to \$300 per incident on expenditures that have already been approved by the Board that goes over the estimated amount. For example, Gene originally felt that one load of gravel would be sufficient for leveling the outdoor machinery display area but quickly realized that a second load would be necessary to complete the job. Since the Board had already approved the purchase, with this motion it would not be necessary to delay a project until the next meeting but to move forward to complete the task. Motion passed unanimously.

Toni provided a comprehensive inventory of the Items Gifted to GSHI in 2013. It was decided that we would accept an oral report quarterly with new items that were gifted and that annually we would receive a written report for our review.

The next GSHI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 15, 2014 following a 12:00 potluck lunch.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Karen B., with a second by Marv at 2:55.

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

President - nomination by Maryalice, with a second by Gene to elect Luann Lind as G.S.H.I. President for a one year term.

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

Secretary - nomination by Karen J., with a second by Pam to elect Dawn Meier as G.S.H.I. Secretary for a one year term.

Treasurer - nomination by Maryalice, with a second by Dawn to elect Pam Welch as G.S.H.I. Treasurer for a one year term.

Toni made a motion with a second by Maryalice to close all nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for the four officers as nominated, with unanimous approval from the Board of Directors.

Barb 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

Secretary  
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