

**German Settlement History, Inc.**  
**March 15, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 12:55 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Maryalice McHugh, Karen Johnson, Toni Meier, Pam Welch, Barb Failing, Michael Meier, Karen Baumgartner, Gene Meier, Luann Lind and Dawn Meier. Jesse Rhody and Marv Meier were absent. Visitors included Pat Swenson, Marilyn Erickson Clare Meier, Marie Arneson, Darrel Lind and Gary Failing.

A motion was made by Michael, with a second by Karen B. and passed with unanimous approval to accept the meeting agenda as presented.

The minutes of the January 19, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Luann recommended two changes including correcting the years from 2013 to 2014 of the Jan 19 meeting and including Toni on the attendees list. With the noted corrections, Maryalice made a motion, seconded by Karen J. to accept the minutes with unanimous approval.

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

Michael presented recent email communication from Cathy Schlais who is the daughter of Carl Rhody in which the issue was raised regarding the full copyright of all of Carl's books. Carl's brother Harold had previously signed a copyright release to G. S. H. I. for the future reprint/publishing rights of any of Carl's books. Michael made a motion with a second by Gene to send Cathy Schlais a letter signed by the Executive Committee (Pres., V. Pres., Sec., Treas.) which recognizes the specific rights of Carl Rhody's work and releases Cathy and her children from any rights G. S. H. I. may have or are acquiring. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

As discussed at the January 2014 Annual Meeting, the bookshelves custom built inside the "Girl's Hall" which will be the permanent display of our military archives, miniature classroom display and school books library has nearly been completed by contractor Jesse Rhody. Gene donated the rough cut lumber for the project in which Jesse planed, cut, sanded and stained each board to make the built-in bookshelves approximately 7 feet tall and 20 feet long with varying sizes of individual shelves.

The Veteran's Committee consisting of Marilyn Erickson, Dawn and Michael has not recently met, but plans to recommend what and how to fully display many of the service related items from our archives.

Luann presented the updated version of the G. S. H. I. brochure and received high acclaim from the Board for her handiwork. Providing our basic information and overall mission accompanied with highlighted photos on a full color brochure allows for a simple tool to advertise our events. We would like to make these available at various local tourism outlets, and also include a copy in the next edition of Liberty School News. Maryalice made a motion, with a second by Pam for Michael and Toni to get price estimates for professionally printing 500 and up to 1,000 copies.

After further discussion, Maryalice amended her motion to include the price quote of 1,000 up to 2,000 copies. This revised motion was seconded by Pam and approved unanimously to allow Michael and Toni to determine which the best price cut would be for printing a quantity of brochures.

Luann reminded board members to continue to document their volunteer hours and to turn them in to Dawn for recording into our Past Perfect computer program.

Barn Dance Committee Members for the 10th Annual Barn Dance on May 25, 2014 were reviewed by Luann. Board of Director assignments are similar to past years. Set up will be on Friday morning @ 10:00. Michael made a motion, seconded by Pam with unanimous approval to earmark all funds raised this year for payment of the bookshelves and completion of the Liberty School display including school library and veterans display.

As outlined at the March 2013 meeting, the Board discussed our annual review of the existing life insurance policy which is a 15 year term policy on Michael Meier with G. S. H. I. named as beneficiary and covers the existing mortgage on the property. Maryalice made a motion, with a second by Barb to pay 50% of the policy amount, or \$1734 of the insurance bill for this year, with further review at the March 2015 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Clare Meier presented ideas regarding oral history and storytelling events for the community. Documenting interviews and stories with several key historians from the Spirit area is a long standing project we have been promoting. Clare has agreed to research oral history practices and begin scheduling recorded sessions with resident elders who can share their knowledge and historical perspectives. A sub committee consisting of Maryalice, Clare, Jesse and Terry Johnson will determine the best approach.

Michael requested permission to purchase the left over cedar shingles from the Yesterday House building, for use on a small shed roof that was damaged from the heavy snow load this winter. Gene made a motion, with a second by Karen J. to sell the remaining shingles to Michael at a 10% reduction of what we originally paid. With Pam and Barb opposed to the motion, there was further discussion regarding the actual value of the shingles and our desire to maintain a neat and orderly look of the overall property. Gene then rescinded his original motion and moved to reconsider the vote of the Board. Pam made a motion, seconded by Maryalice to thank Michael and Toni for removing the left over shingles from the Machine Shed and reallocating them to a useful purpose elsewhere on the property. Motion passed unanimously.

The next G. S. H. I. Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday June 22, 2014 following a potluck lunch beginning at noon.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Dawn second by Gene at 2:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier  
Secretary  
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