

**German Settlement History, Inc.**  
**January 22, 2017 Annual Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 1:25 P.M.

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

Karen J. made a motion, seconded by Toni to approve the meeting agenda as presented, with unanimous approval.

The minutes of the September 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Gene made a motion, seconded by Karen B. to accept the minutes as presented with unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Marv moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Karen B. with unanimous approval.

The first order of business was an update from the various projects and reported actions since our last meeting. The Archival Committee consisting of Pam, Barb and Michael have not yet met, but will likely begin doing some critical filing and organizing in the upcoming months.

Volunteer hours continue to be tracked and recorded into the *Past Perfect* database by Pam, who continues to assume a larger role in assisting with the administrative duties of the organization. Meetings and scheduled workdays are being captured automatically. Any hours contributed outside of organized events should be given to Pam for processing.

Jesse will lead a workday whenever the weather permits, to install the hand railing on the ramp leading into Our Yesterday House. All materials have been purchased.

During the fall workday, we were still unable to caulk the upper corner of the Yesterday House near the roof due to inclement weather. Gene repaired the bed frame upstairs, but there is concern about relocating the bed over the weak spot in the floor so that someone doesn't compromise the weak floor. The ceiling above the bed needs some work done to shore up the large cracks. In the Machine Shed, there has been some rodent activity under the glass cabinet that houses the whittled items and will need to be stabilized during the next workday.

In reviewing Old Business, there was discussion about the G.S.H.I. Visa card and the need to use it at least once each year. Pam will request a second card that Toni will be able to use when purchasing postage or other items for the Liberty School News.

Items donated from the Nora McMahan estate to G.S.H.I. have generated nearly \$2,000 to date.

Don Rhody's most recent book '*He Built with Stones; A Story of the Swedish Emigration Years of the Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century*' has been selling quite well. G.S.H.I. has an arrangement that the book is available on our website for \$18 plus \$3 postage.

Amazon Smile is a fundraising tool within the on-line store Amazon.com in that anyone making a purchase can choose a non-profit organization to make a donation which is a small percentage of the purchase. It took Pam a while to get things set up, but within the past two quarters we have received \$42.20 from Amazon Smile. Dawn will include a message on our Facebook page to encourage people to utilize this tool when purchasing through Amazon.

There was discussion about our event insurance coverage and whether we are properly covered for off-site events, such as the Barn Dance. Toni and/or Pam will invite the agent from Acuity Insurance to attend our March meeting to explain our coverage.

For new business, the nominating committee consisting of Karen B. and Dawn counted the ballots for the two open seats on the Board of Directors. Since there were no write-in votes or discrepancies to the 19 total ballots that were returned, Pam made a motion to accept the results of the election with a second by Gene to elect Maryalice McHugh and Mark Nyberg each to a new five year term. The motion received unanimous approval.

For next year, the nominating committee will be Gene and Pam with Marvin and Jesse coming to the end of their five year terms.

We reviewed the calendar of events for 2017 and confirmed that the Barn Dance will be held on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and the Friends of Liberty School Picnic & Open House will be July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Karen B. informed us about an upcoming webinar that may be useful regarding historical organizations better utilization of marketing and learning what audiences want to gain from organizations such as ours. Karen will send the link to the training in a follow-up email.

The Gifted Items Report from 2016 was tabled until the next meeting.

The next G.S.H.I. Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 19, 2016 following a 12:30 potluck lunch.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Toni, and a second by Gene with unanimous approval at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Meier  
Secretary  
01-29-2017

**German Settlement History, Inc.**  
**January 22, 2017 Election for Officers to the Board of Directors**

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

Karen B. made a motion with a second by Toni to nominate Luann Lind as G.S.H.I. President for a one year term. Gene made a motion, with a second by Marv to close nominations for President and to cast a unanimous ballot with unanimous approval from the Board of Directors.

Dawn made a motion with a second by Pam to put forward Karen Baumgartner as G.S.H.I. Vice President for a one year term. Marv made a motion, with a second by Gene to close nominations for Vice President and to cast a unanimous ballot with unanimous approval from the Board of Directors.

Toni made a motion with a second by Dawn to recommend Pam Welch as G.S.H.I. Treasurer for a one year term. Karen B. made a motion, with a second by Marv to close nominations for Treasurer and to cast a unanimous ballot with unanimous approval from the Board of Directors.

Marv made a motion with a second by Toni to submit Dawn Meier as G.S.H.I. Secretary for a one year term. Pam made a motion, with a second by Gene to close nominations for Secretary and to cast a unanimous ballot with unanimous approval from the Board of Directors.

Marv 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 Pam with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier  
Secretary  
01-29-2017