

Spirit Historical Society, Inc.
April 7, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 1:35 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Cheryl Pierson, Jenny Mattson, Toni Meier, Pam Welch, Mark Nyberg, Karen Baumgartner, JaNelle Nelson, Luann Lind, Maryalice McHugh (via FaceTime) and Dawn Meier with Michael Meier absent and excused. Visitors included Clare Meier, Beryl Nyberg and LaVonne Meier.

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

The minutes of the January 27, 2019 annual meeting were reviewed. Maryalice made a motion, seconded by Karen to accept the minutes as presented with unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Pam noted that there was a wonderful response to our most recently mailed newsletter, resulting in many memberships and donations towards the upcoming building relocation project. Jenny moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Toni with unanimous approval.

Pam continues to record volunteer hours in *Past Perfect*. Scheduled workdays, planned events and quarterly meetings are automatically captured, but individuals need to turn in other hours that are contributed independently to S.H.S.I. as Pam will not know of those specific details. The consolidated volunteer hours may be used when applying for grants to show the personal investment of the organization.

There was a discussion on the overall success and satisfaction on the recent newsletter mailing. Luann printed the newsletter on our laser copy machine, 500 copies of 8 pages, two sided. It took her 10 hours to print. The assembling and mailing process took another 35 total person hours. A special thanks to LaVonne and Cheryl for their assistance. We are gathering financial data to compare for possibly contracting the printing process next time. Pam had a quote from O.K. Printing in Tomahawk for \$382.00 to provide the copy paper and ink, and print and collate 4 page newsletters (the number of pages we assume future newsletters will contain). Luann is looking into costs at Office Max and will present those numbers at a later meeting. Luann and Pam will calculate the cost to print, collate and mail future newsletters so we can make a decision if future newsletters will be contracted out or if we will continue to do them ourselves. This newsletter cost .17 each for postage only. We are planning on sending our next newsletter out shortly after the barn dance.

An updated version of our bylaws was presented by Karen and Maryalice. The biggest difference in our new bylaws is our decision not to be affiliated with the Wisconsin Historical Society. With the impending resignation of Michael and Toni from the board we will be going from 12 members down to 10. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Pam to accept the new bylaws, voted and carried unanimously.

The land agreement with the Town of Spirit has been signed and notarized thanks to Luann's hard work. Pam is coordinating the area leveling and site preparation. She plans on using her long time client, Dave Bethel of Northern Wisconsin Land Services, Inc. out of Tomahawk. She is hopeful he will donate a good portion of his time. Any materials we need to purchase will need to be paid for. Pam is working with Darrel Lind to coordinate arrangements for Diggers Hotline to come out and mark potential underground areas we need to stay away from. Josh Lind will be contracted to do the cement work and site prep. It is planned that he will meet Dave Bethel when Dave goes to survey the site prior to breaking ground.

After much discussion on whom the contractor will be for the carpentry work on building the new machine shed Jenny made a motion to hire Nathan Lind. There was discussion as to the timing of the project. Luann wants to

get the job ordered as soon as possible in order to be assured Nathan will be able to build the shed this spring/summer. Pam seconded the motion with the stipulation that in order to erect the building this year the cost of the building be no more than 15% of the amount of money we will be receiving from Michael and Toni once they purchase the old machine shed, which is slated to be \$23,000.00. The motion carried with unanimous approval. The executive committee will decide on the plans for the building, how large the climate controlled room needs to be, etc. Luann will try to coordinate with Scott Schutte to have the Yesterday House Museum building be moved in between the July picnic and the Spirit Fair.

Karen is working on a grant from the Wisconsin Antique Dealers Association for the relocation fund. It was also suggested to look into the Ann Marie Foundation as another potential source. Luann suggested hosting a talent show. This year's barn dance proceeds will also be dedicated to the relocation project. To date we have received \$2565.00 in personal donations towards the project.

Michael and Toni officially resigned from the board. It is with great regret and sadness we allow them to do so.

Specific Barn Dance Committee assignments leading up to our May 26, 2019 event were reviewed by Luann. Volunteer assignments are similar to past years. Set-up will be on Saturday May 25 @ 10:00. Luann will provide a detailed list of specific assignments for everyone. This year we will officially recognize Eric Gladson for his long term commitment to being our DJ. Pam will get two \$25.00 gift certificates and will prepare a certificate of appreciation which will be presented to Eric at the dance. It was decided to serve cake, cookies and ice cream to be purchased from Mann Made Pizza instead of the usual pies.

July 27, 2019 from 11:00 – 3:00 we will host our annual picnic.

The next SHSI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday June 9, 2019 immediately following a 12:30 potluck lunch at Liberty School.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Pam and a second by JaNelle at 3:30 P.M. with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Meier
Secretary
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