

Spirit Historical Society, Inc.
September 8, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Luann Lind at 1:17 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Cheryl Pierson, Karen Baumgartner, Pam Welch, Maryalice McHugh via Facetime, Luann Lind, Mark Nyberg and JaNelle Nelson. Absent and excused was Jenny Mattson and Dawn Meier. Visitors included Beryl Nyberg and LaVonne Meier.

Mark made a motion, seconded by Pam to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Motion accepted with unanimous approval.

The minutes of the June 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Maryalice made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Karen B. with unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Pam pointed out two items on the balance sheet as it pertains to 'other' loss on the profit and loss report. It was regarding the Machine Shed and bookshelves no longer being on the balance sheet. The 'other' loss was due to the sale of the Machine Shed and the bookshelves to Toni and Michael, at less-than the book value. Pam pointed out that there is \$5,000 on the balance sheet from the Price Electric Co-operative grant that we received and was designated for repairs to the Yesterday House. Also, Pam mentioned a lack of annual audits for the past 2-3 years. A discussion was held and it was agreed that the annual informal audits need to resume with the auditing of our 2019 books. JaNelle Nelson was volunteered by Pam and has graciously accepted the assignment. A motion was made by Mark to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, second by JaNelle with unanimous approval.

Luann reminded everyone to get their volunteer hours to Pam for recording in *Past Perfect*.

Our annual picnic and goodbye celebration for Michael and Toni had a good turnout. Michael and Toni were very pleased with the event and for being honored as the founders of our organization. There was a brief discussion about next year's picnic in regards to when it would be held. Pam suggested that we hold our open house and picnic during the Spirit 4-H Fair, but it was mentioned that there would be a conflict with the food being provided by the fair versus us hosting a potluck and that the Town would not appreciate the conflict. Pam then suggested that we host only an open house with no food during the Fair but some did not like that idea and the discussion was tabled for a later date.

Luann reported on progress of the building relocation. Our Yesterday House has been moved and the contracted movers plan on lowering the house onto the foundation in the upcoming week. Tubing will be placed in the foundation to assist with drainage prior to backfilling and leveling of the site. There was a discussion regarding landscaping with a target of utilizing low maintenance plants and shrubs to be selected by the landscaping committee of JaNelle, LaVonne and Luann. The committee plans to address the project within the next three weeks. Luann mentioned that she purchased (utilizing our pre-approved \$300 or less purchasing authority) composite decking that can be used in several ways as we develop the new site. The total cost came to a little over \$300, which she covered the balance on her own. Perhaps it should be discussed at a later date the balance of the difference. Luann asked the Board Members to walk out to the building site following the meeting in order to review the landscaping needs and other issues.

Luann reported on the total cost for our June newsletter, compared to previous newsletters. She also, as was requested of her during a previous board meeting, presented us with the estimates on the cost of printing and collating the newsletter from OK Printing in Tomahawk as well as Office Max in Rhinelander. Office Max was far cheaper and therefore the June newsletter was ordered from them. They even delivered it at no cost. There was a discussion regarding potential future opportunities since Office Max in Rhinelander is closing down. Luann feels we'll be able to complete the process electronically the next time. Maryalice made a motion, seconded by Pam that future newsletters go through Office Max, with unanimous approval. There was discussion about putting out a late fall newsletter focusing on updates to the building relocation. There was a discussion about how many newsletters we should aim to publish each year, with three being the number everyone seemed comfortable with. Those issues would be early April, early July and early Nov.

Luann requested volunteers to assist with putting boards on the building. JaNelle volunteered herself and Tim would be available on Sept. 10. Cheryl said she and Darrell would help if they got back from Wausau in time.

We held a discussion about volunteers needed to put the artifacts back into the Yesterday House this fall once the building gets set. Pam and Dawn will haul the items that are being stored in their shed and Luann will tell us when it is ready. Karen B. will head up the project with assistance from Karen Johnson and anyone else who is willing.

Luann brought up the topic that the organization is in need of a new computer. Pam made a motion, seconded by Cheryl to purchase a new laptop. It was voted on and approved

unanimously. Luann said she would send the Board Members the data on a new purchase, so that we could provide feedback on the options available.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 26, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. beginning with a potluck lunch which is open to the public followed by the meeting. Luann asked if we could assign certain potluck type tasks to designated people so that we can be more organized. JaNelle offered to purchase paper goods (to be reimbursed) and will store them in her office at the Town Hall. She was told not to purchase plastic utensils and Pam and Dawn will provide metal silverware and will bring them home to wash them each time. It was also discussed that we would buy bottled water for future meetings and no coffee.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Pam. second by Mark at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Welch
Treasurer /acting Secretary
With assistance by Cheryl Pierson
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