

Germania Historical Society, Inc.

- Minutes from March 6, 2022 meeting by Secretary, Sue Schatzke.**
- The meeting was called to order by President, John Serio with 11 members present.**
- The Secretary's report from the March 6, 2021 meeting was read by Sue Schatzke. A motion was made by Kevin DeCramer and seconded by Marian Heller to accept the secretary's report as read and approved.**
- Treasurer's report was read by Missy Heller. The new balance is \$. A motion was made by George Weiss and seconded by Tom Gaulke to accept the treasurer's report as read and approved.**
- Membership Director's report was reported by Doug Bethke. \$80 was collected.**
- Technology/Social Media/QR Initiative Update report was given by John Weckwerth**

Our A & B raffle license renewals are due April 14th. In order to renew the raffle licenses each raffle conducted for the previous year for each license type has to be recorded on the renewal form. An example of "A" raffles are the gun raffles, and an example of "B" raffles are the 50/50 raffles. The total dollar amount of raffle tickets sold, the cost to GHS of the item being raffled, the cost of the tickets used for each raffle, and the net profit from the raffle to the GHS has to be recorded.

John Weckwerth will get the raffle information from Missy and record

all of the A & B raffles for the year and renew the licenses.

A special thanks to Donny, Missy, Jerry Ross, Tom Gaulke, the Longbranch staff, and the rest of the people who sell tickets, provide us with raffle items, and coordinate these raffles to benefit the GHS.

Financial Reporting

Our financial reporting to the Federal IRS and the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions is complete and has been accepted.

1099-NEC Reporting

If a contractor does any work for the GHS during the year that exceeds \$600, the GHS has to issue a 1099-NEC form to the Federal IRS, the State IRS, 2 copies to the contractor, and one copy is saved by the GHS. This is so the IRS knows that when a contractor files his taxes, that he has to record as income and pay taxes on the amount of money he earned from the GHS.

1099-NEC forms are available free of charge from the IRS, but special software to fill in these forms and print them is required. John Weckwerth is currently evaluating software programs. His findings will be presented to the GHS Officers when complete. The cost of the software is around \$59 - \$99.

GHS Deposits and Expenses

John Weckwerth is going to download the monthly GHS bank statements to an Excel spreadsheet. In addition to the information contained on the bank statement, the deposits and expenses will be broken down by category such as membership dues, donations, raffle

proceeds, utility bills, mortgage payments, contractor payments, etc. This will allow the Officers to know where our revenues are coming from and what our expenses are so areas where improvement is necessary can be focused on.

-Raffle and Promotional Programs Update was given by Don Heller. He said the gun sales were done. The next gun will go towards the Germania parade. The winner of the gun was drawn with John Serio being the big winner. Thanks to Tom Gaulke for donating the gun, \$1400 was raised.

-Old Business:

-An update of the purchase of the school was read by George Weiss. He said it is on the agenda at the public town meeting of Shields on April 7th at 7:30. John Serio and Missy Heller will attend the meeting for the signing of the school purchase. Any other members can attend to show their support.

-Creamery Update: Missy Heller and John Serio will assess the building now that the weather will be better. We'd like to save the wall that's standing and put up a sign about the creamery at the location.

-The sign up sheet update: It was decided that when we acquire the school we will make a list of what needs to be done by priority and go from there.

-Picture and plate update: John Serio sold 1 picture for \$50. Whistler's Antique in Wautoma will give us \$2 a picture and \$1 a plate. After discussion Missy Heller made a motion and Tom Gaulke 2nd to try selling the plates at the Longbranch. Motion approved.

-Painting Update: Doug Bethke is waiting for an estimate from Travis Hopp. He's going to get another estimate also. Kevin DeCramer said he's set aside some money to help with the church painting.

-Pamphlet Update: Kevin DeCramer had 100 pamphlets printed up and he can have more printed if needed. We are selling them for \$5.00 a piece. We have \$2,053.00 left from our grant but there are many more grants available that we could apply for. When we come up with a plan for the school Kevin will write up a grant for specific things we need to do. A committee of John Serio, Don and Missy Heller and Linda Syverson will work on this. John Weckwerth and Kevin will work together on pursuing grants in the future.

-By-laws: The by-laws were revised and are on the website for members to view.

New Business:

-GHS calendar: Missy bought a black board with letters. We will put the dates of future meetings on it and display it in the bar, hopefully getting other people interested in the meetings.

-Snacks: We had coffee, bars, and cookies. We will have coffee each meeting and anyone is welcome to bring a snack to share.

-Pizza Sale: We handed out pizza order forms. They need to be returned by our April 3rd meeting. We will make the pizzas on April 11th at the bar at 10 a.m.

-Our next meeting will be April 3, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Longbranch.

- A motion was made by George Weiss and seconded by Doug Bethke to close the meeting, motion approved.