

**GERMANIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**  
**General Membership Meeting    March 1, 2026**  
**10:00am at the Longbranch Saloon, Germania, WI**

**03/01/26 MINUTES**

16 members in attendance.

Board members present: President Kim Ross, Secretary Ronda Goldsmith.

Members/Attendees: Jill Cain, Neal Cain, John Serio, Don Heller, Marian Heller, Jerry Ross, Mike Vosen, Diane Vosen, Ryan Syverson, Sue Schatzke, Kevin DeCramer, Carole DeCramer, Edith Wargula, Tom Wargula

Meeting called to order and welcomed by President Kim Ross at 10:02am.

February 1, 2026 meeting minutes were read and approved.

Motion made by John Serio/Marian Heller. Motion carried.

*Treasurer's Report:*

Missy Heller was unable to attend so the treasurer's report was read by Kim Ross.

Debits= \$3,830.95- \$42.04 church electric, \$39.91 school electric , \$3749.00 Insurance for both buildings

Credits: \$25.00 annual couple membership

Balance is \$61,619.30

With our \$30,000 CD reinvested our balance is \$91,619.30

Our insurance will now be automatically withdrawn from our account to avoid late fees, etc.

Motion to accept treasurer's report as read by Sue Schatzke/Kevin DeCramer. Motion carried.

*Committee Reports:*

-Go Fund Me: Our GOFUNDME account email cannot be changed so it will be discontinued after all tax forms have been retrieved.

Motion made by Jill Cain/John Serio with a unanimous vote to end the account.

-Raffles: Don Heller says that the new raffle item(ice auger) is almost paid for in tickets purchased.

-Parade Float: the elected position of the year is Bullshitter of Germania. The committee will meet to discuss. Everyone is welcome to participate.

-Tagatz memorial: the committee discussed tables and a picnic area. Kim Ross had brochures of options in poly wood, concrete and vinyl covered poly steel. Many have options to put an engraved name plaque on them. We discussed placement ideas at the church building. A slab or patio block area was discussed . We will need a solid plan by May to prepare for the July celebration and dedication of the memorial area. All members are welcome to submit ideas regarding the entire memorial. Mike Vosen was asked if he would drive his hay wagon for the celebration date at the church on July 05, 2026. A 2 pm start time was suggested as the bar has a drawing that day.

### Ongoing Projects Reports:

-Pizza Sale: We will set a date to make pizzas again (April 6th or April 13th) after discussing this with Missy. In 2025 we made pizzas on Monday March 31st.

-Flower Basket Sale: Lehman farms will donate a variety of garden plants for the 2026 Germania Development Association Benefit Parade. It has been decided to discontinue the fund raising flower basket sale for this year.

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-ACEC grant: Kevin DeCramer told us that we had been denied due to the size of our account. We can reapply later. Until we are an established building, they may deny us further money.

-Social Media: Our bylaws are now on the Germania Historical Society webpage. The archived minutes from 2021-2025 are also online. Still working on our current year & is not yet online.

History Report: Germania Princeton Times Republic-Kevin DeCramer is in 1925 of the Princeton Times Republic newspaper research. Many community members are branching out of Germania to find work and education, returning home on the weekend.

Kevin DeCramer found an update on history of Germania in "my cousins" online

### Old Business:

- Facilities: no update as Bob was absent due to a recent surgery.
- No updates on the church ceiling fan due to Bob's absence
- CD \$30,000.00 was reinvested in Feb 2026 by Kim Ross.
- Insurance bill was due February 10th and paid February 13th (\$3744 + \$5=\$3749). We had a \$5.00 late fee added on so auto-pay has been set up by Kim to avoid this next year.

### New Business:

- Mike Vosen proposed we make up some sort of a school building "fix-it" schedule to move forward with things in need. We will make a list and prioritize the repairs such as trees, roof, foundation, etc. We will ask Drew Debish to place a bid on tree removal at the school. Take down nuisance branches and/or trees. Motion to ask Drew for bid & accept bid by Jill Cain/John Serio. Motion approved.

-We have 2 licensed plumbers willing to donate their time to work at the school building.

-Kim Ross has procured a new flag to commemorate the 250th & to raise for the dedication.

-Committees have been updated in print to reflect who is actually on the committees at this time.

May Agenda suggestions: Further planning of Tagatz Memorial/250 year celebration. Pizza Sale.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2026, location to be determined. We will not meet in person in April due to Easter. A board meeting may be held if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14am. Motion made by Marian Heller/Jill Cain. Motion carried.