

Germania Historical Society, Inc.

-Minutes from October 2, 2022 meeting recorded by Secretary Sue Schatzke.

-The meeting was called to order by the president, John Serio with 17 members present.

-The Secretary's report from the August 7, 2022 meeting was read by Sue Schatzke. A motion was made by Kim Ross and seconded by Doug Bethke to accept the secretary's report as read and approved.

-Treasurer's report was read by Missy Heller. A motion was made by Linda Syverson and seconded by Ronda Goldsmith to accept the treasurer's report as read and approved.

-Membership Director's Report: John Serio read a letter of resignation from Lisa Dahl. John Weckwerth will take over until a new director is found. You can still send your dues to Lisa for the next 2 months and she will add them to the spreadsheet. Forms were passed out for renewal of membership dues which are due October 31, 2022.

-Technology/Media/QR Initiative Update report was given by Sue Schatzke from John Weckwerth in his absence. She showed 2 graphs he prepared. One graph showed the membership dues for the past 4 years, the other graph was the 2022 memberships. We've had our best year yet and mostly because of the growing interest in Germania Historical Society from the John Muir Trail, the sign tours, etc. 85% of the pie graph showed lifetime memberships. John will go into more detail at the next meeting. Diane Vosen brought up that she'd

like to see younger people getting involved in the Historical Society. She suggested we have a float in the Germania parade and we could hand out information to the spectators. We will discuss this more, everyone seemed interested and had ideas.

-Raffle and Promotional Programs Update was given by Don Heller. We made \$800 on the last gun and we have about 30 more tickets left on the new gun.

-Old Business:

-Carriage House Sign: Kevin DeCramer went to the courthouse and in 1875 there were 2 deeds made up for the property. He explained the property lines. He also has a book from the Zion Evangelical Church council from 1895-1937.

-Painting: The church is painted inside and outside and it looks good to Doug!! Travis Hopp looked at the school and said it's going to be a big job. We'll have him give us an estimate.

-School Clean Up: John Serio thanked everyone who helped with the cleanup. We still have to dig out some things from one side of the shed from the pile of dirt but we decided to leave that project until spring.

-List of Maintenance Projects: We will work on that at the next meeting.

New Business:

-Election of Vice President: Sue Schatzke nominated Doug Bethke but he declined. Missy Heller nominated Mike Vosen but he declined. Missy nominated Kim Ross and she accepted. A vote

was taken and Kim will be our new Vice President.

-Bonfire Date: After discussion it was decided that we will have a bonfire to burn all the wood on Sunday December 11 and we will discuss this more at the November meeting. We will also send out an e-mail with more info. John Serio, Don Heller, Jerry Ross and Mike Vosen will put the wood we're keeping back into the shed on Sunday October 9.

-Power at school: Missy wanted to know if we wanted to get power at the school. If we start working on the school we will look into getting it. John Serio will call Adams Columbia Electical to see what is all involved to hooking up the power.

-John Syverson wants us to get all the Historical Society materials that were donated into one place. We need a historian to catalog all the items.

-Our next meeting will be November 6th, 2022 at the Longbranch. After this meeting today we will stay for a potluck lunch. Thanks Don and Missy for the meat, plates, etc.

-A motion was made by Ronda Goldsmith and seconded by John Syverson to close the meeting. Motion approved.