

Germania Historical Society, Inc.

-Minutes from June 5, 2022 meeting recorded by Secretary Sue Schatkze.

-The meeting was called to order by President, John Serio with 16 members present.

-The Secretary's report from the April 3, 2022 meeting was read by Sue Schatzke. A motion was made by George Weiss and seconded by Marian Heller to accept the secretary's report as read and approved.

-Treasurer's report was read by Missy Heller. A motion was made by Doug Bethke and seconded by George Weiss to accept the treasurer's report as read and approved.

-Membership Director's report was given by Lisa Dahl. She had 1 new lifetime membership.

-Technology/Social Media/QR Initiative Update report was given by John Weckwerth. He renewed the raffle update. He also paid for the website for 3 more years. He reported Steve Motts visited to see where his ancestors were from. He visited the Motts/Taggett cemetery, as well as the Richford and Germania cemeteries.

-Raffle and Promotional Programs Update was given by Don Heller. We are selling 2 guns right now with the first ticket drawn getting first choice. Tom Gaulke said he also got a donation of 3 hanging baskets from Dave and Kay Henschel. I sent them a thank you note in the mail for their donation.

-Old Business:

-An update of the purchase of the school was given by George Weiss. We have officially acquired the school.

-Pizza Sale: Missy didn't have totals yet but she would give us one at the next meeting.

-Banquet: John Serio wants to put the banquet on hold for now, possibly addressing it next year. We need more time to work out details because there's a lot of work that goes into it. Jon Severson made a motion to drop the discussion about the banquet but after discussion the motion was denied.

New Business:

-Painting: John reported that at the officers meeting it was decided that we would hire Travis Hopp to paint the inside and outside of the church. His bid was \$5,525.00 compared to the bid from Steve's Quality Painting at \$13,000.00. Missy Heller will send him the deposit and hopefully he would start in June. Missy Heller made a motion to get a bid from Travis to paint the outside of the church. Doug Bethke seconded it. Motion approved.

-School Cleanup: John Serio said we need to go through the school and clean it up. John would like to get a dumpster and we could set up a date for volunteers to clean out the school. Doug Bethke requested that the Germania Parade donate the \$625 for the large dumpster. There were enough Parade members in attendance and they voted to approve his recommendation. It was discussed to go through the school and sort the junk from the historical items, then we could get the dumpster. We also discussed about getting power

to the school once we decide to open it to the public.

-Kevin DeCramer found a part of an old carriage house by the church. He would like to get a sign to identify it.

-Thank you's: We want to thank the Decramers for all the things they do around the church. Also to Doug Bethke and anyone else who has mowed the lawn this season.

-Tom Gaulke made a motion to buy a dehumidifier for the church. Kim Ross seconded it. Motion was approved. Missy Heller will go to Menards and purchase one.

-Our next meeting will be July 10, 2022 at the church.

- A motion was made by Missy Heller and seconded by Kim Ross to close the meeting. Motion approved.