

Germania Historical Society, Inc.

-Minutes from November 6, 2022 meeting recorded by Secretary Sue Schatzke.

-The meeting was called to order by the president, John Serio with 12 members present.

-The Secretary's report from the October 2, 2022 meeting was read by Sue Schatzke. A motion was made by Tom Gaulke and seconded by Kevin DeCramer to accept the secretary's report as read and approved.

-Treasurer's report was read by Missy Heller. A motion was made by Tom Gaulke and seconded by Jon Syverson to accept the treasurer's report as read and approved.

-Membership Director's Report was given by John Weckwerth. He's putting all the memberships (phone numbers, addresses, etc) on an Excel Spreadsheet. John will be the new membership director.

-Technology and Media Update report was given by John Weckwerth. The officers signed the by-laws because we have a new Vice President. John sent a letter to Waushara Industries on our behalf because they are dissolving their 501(c)(3) and is requesting any other charities to request funds from them. He also created a program in computer form to catalog items for the church and the school. He's also made a spreadsheet for our pizza sales.

-Raffle and Promotional Programs Update was given by Don Heller. He drew for the gun and the lucky winner was Jake Schaller. We

have a new gun that we're selling now at the Longbranch. A motion was made by Jerry Ross to split the gun profits with the Longbranch. It was seconded by Kevin DeCramer and the motion was approved.

-Old Business:

-School Painting: Missy said Travis Hopp will give us an estimate in the spring.

-Items at School on Table: John Weckwerth will take pictures of the items and call a lady in Montello who might be interested in some of the books.

-List of Maintance Projects: John Serio and Missy Heller will look at the bell in the church and school to see if we can get one of them ringing by the April parade. Donny will get an estimate to replace the windows. Jon Syverson will get an estimate for a major cleaning service for the inside of the school. We talked about upgrading to one handicapped bathroom and putting a ramp in. Missy Heller will call the building inspector to run some of our ideas past him. We also discussed upgrading the outhouse, fixing the playground equipment, school foundation, church entryway roof, shed foundation (side wall, painting and gravel on floor) and pressure washing the outside of the school. Many of these projects will have to wait until spring.

-Bonfire Date: Reminder bonfire is set for Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 3:30. Bring a chair and your own beverages. John will send out a reminder beforehand.

New Business:

-John Weckwerth noticed the sign in front of the church is fading. He will call Tom Katz to see if it needs to be restained. He also has the bottom of a milstone with a pump that he will donate. Missy would like to put it by the old mill to display it. We could put a sign by it giving the history of it.

-John Weckwerth would like to see the church open for weddings by next spring. He will call other churches to see what they charge for a wedding rental. He will also call the insurance company to see about renting the church for weddings. We also discussed if our insurance payment wasn't paid up to date to pay it.

-Our next meeting will be February 5, 2023.

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