

Germania Historical Society

Minutes from June 4, 2023, meeting recorded by Secretary Sue Schatzke.

The meeting was called to order by President John Serio with 18 members present.

The secretary's report from May 7, 2023, meeting was read by Sue Shatzke. A motion was made by Carole DeCramer and seconded by Jill Cain to accept the secretary's report as read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read by John Weckwerth. A motion was made by Kevin DeCramer and seconded by George Weiss to accept the treasurer's report as read and approved.

Membership Director's report was given by John Weckwerth. John talked to Bill Tagatz and he will be at the church on June 25th at 11 a.m. to do an interview and tell some stories. All are welcome to attend.

Technology and Media report was given by John Weckwerth. John will update the bylaws to stipulate where our club would go if we were to dissolve. After discussion, a motion was made by Carole DeCramer and seconded by Jon Syverson that, if the Germania Historical Society would dissolve, it would go to the Marquette County Historical Society and, if they dissolved, it would then go to the Wisconsin Historical Society. He put together a collection procedure in the bylaws which the officers will sign. A motion was made by Jill Cain and seconded by Carole DeCramer to apply for an affiliation to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Raffle and Promotional Programs update was given by Don Heller. There is a new gun hanging in the Longbranch which is paid for and now is making money. It's a tactical over-and-under gun.

Old business:

List of maintenance projects:

- Windows - Mike Vosen reported the windows are ordered for the school and they will take 6-8 weeks to arrive.**

- **School cleaning – John Weckwerth did not think the business he checked with to clean was reputable. Sue Schatzke had called Vicki at Pure Country Clean LLC and they are willing to clean the school. Sue will get a hold of Travis Hopp about whether he would come in and scrape the walls before they cleaned them.**
- **Church sign – John Weckwerth and Mike Vosen sanded the sign at the church and Mike did some repairs to it.**
- **Fire-proof safe – John Weckwerth purchased the safe from Tractor Supply and it was delivered to the church. After the meeting members were asked to stay after and get it set up.**
- **Time capsule – John Weckwerth met with the committee, and they set up a goal, a purpose, tasks and people were assigned to complete those tasks with dates to have these tasks and duties completed.**
- **Outhouses – John Serio has vacation the week of July 4th and will try to get at least one of the outhouses repaired.**
- **Kevin DeCramer will come up with a narrative for the ACEC grant that would offset the cost of the windows.**

New business:

Old mill: Jon Syverson would like to see at least one wall of the old mill creamery repaired and have some signage put there with the history of the creamery. It was brought up that, as members we should try to stop and look at the creamery before the next meeting so we can discuss this further.

John Weckwerth and Mike Vosen brought a mill stone to the church and put it in the flower garden. The stone is from the mill in Budsins. He would like to have a sign made up of the history of the stone and have a QR code added to the sign that will give a more detailed history of the stone. He also wants to put a sign at the cemetery by the Tagatz headstone. Kevin DeCramer will look into this. A motion was made by Carole DeCramer and seconded by Jon Syverson, to buy a stone. Motion approved.

John Serio talked about the grass cutting. After someone mows the grass, they watch for the next time it needs to be mowed and will contact the next person on the list.

Carole DeCramer suggested creating committees to work on one topic in a smaller group and then they report back at the next meeting. We then set up the following committees: Creamery (Jill Cain and Missy Heller), Maintenance (school – Bob Pickart and Mike Vosen), (bathrooms in school – Don Heller and George Weiss), (Outhouses – John Serio and Carole and Kevin DeCramer),

Diane Vosen asked how we get members who don't attend meetings to come back and join us and how to get new members. John Weckwerth said he reaches out to people periodically through email when we have events, etc.

Our next meeting will be August 6th, 2023, at the church.

A motion was made by Jill Cain and seconded by Linda Syverson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.