

Germania Historical Society Inc.

Minutes from November 7, 2021 meeting by Secretary, Sue Schatzke.

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

-The Secretary's report from the October 3, 2021 meeting was read by Sue Schatzke. A motion was made by Kim Ross and seconded by George Weiss to accept the secretary's report as read and approved.

-Treasurer's report was read by Missy Heller. After making many deposits from memberships, gun raffle, Thursday drawings, etc. the club has a balance of \$32,580.01. A motion was made by Kevin Decramer and seconded by Tom Gaulke to accept the treasurer's report as read and approved.

-Membership Director's report was read by Lisa Dahl. She collected 2 lifetime memberships and 2 business club memberships for 2021 and 2022 from the Marquette County ATV club. Dues should be paid for 2022 and they were due in October. Lisa and Missy will come up with a sheet to keep track of who pays their dues for each year, a kind of check off list.

-Technology/Social Media/QR Initiative Update report was given by John Weckwerth. He reported a blue flag was put up by the post office as to where they want us to put the mailbox. John Serio will call Diggers Hotline to mark it and then we will get the mailbox put up. John W. has been locked out of his Facebook account because of roaming problems and is not able to access the Germania Facebook page. Chris Debish will post things on this page as needed. John

also sent Chris a form for the officers to sign for the closing of the school.

-Raffle and Promotional Programs Update was given by Don Heller. We drew for the gun and the winner was Mark Ingram. Jerry will look into getting another gun to raffle.

-Old Business:

-An update of the purchase of the school was given by Chris Debish. He went to a town meeting and signing should be early December. So we should have the school by Christmas.

-The date for the Harvest Dinner was set for December 5 but after much discussion it was decided to cancel it for this year.

-The pictures in the church will hopefully be looked at by a friend of Tom Katz.

-Creamery Update: John Serio checked out the creamery and reported the main structure is not salvageable. The front entrance might be able to be saved.

New Business:

-Kim wanted to come up with a sign up sheet of the projects we need to do and possibly post it at the Longbranch. Some projects discussed were church maintenance, painting, etc. possibly trying to save some of the creamery and future school maintenance. A committee was formed to come up with a list and prioritize the jobs. Missy, Linda and Don will be on this committee. They will meet before our next meeting to complete this.

-Kevin brought up the Overright Foundation Grant. The pamphlets cost \$2800 and he asked for a check for half of that. A check was written for \$1400. When he receives the pamphlets he will need another check for \$1400. After that is paid we will have a balance of \$1326.13 left over that we could use for something else in Germania, like more signage or we may possibly be able to use towards maintenance. In 2 years we are able to reapply for another grant. There was discussion about maintaining the signs over the winter and we decided to leave them out. Kevin will check on them to see how they wear over the winter.

-Our next meeting will be January 9, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Longbranch.

- A motion was made by John Serio and seconded by George Weiss to close the meeting, motion approved.