

Germania Historical Society, Inc.

-Minutes from February 5, 2023 meeting recorded by Secretary Sue Schatzke.

-The meeting was called to order by the president, John Serio with 19 members present.

-The Secretary's report from the November 6, 2022 meeting was read by Sue Schatzke. A motion was made by Kevin DeCramer and seconded by George Weiss to accept the secretary's report as read and approved.

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

-Membership Director's Report was given by John Weckwerth. He collected \$110 in memberships and also a donation for \$400.

-Technology and Media Update report was given by John Weckwerth. John will be moving next year at some point and he is willing to keep some of his duties like updating the Facebook page and the website. Kim Ross has graciously volunteered to take over many of his duties. They will work together for the next year so he can show her the duties.

-Raffle and Promotional Programs Update was given by Don Heller. We have an ice auger for raffle and it is paid for and we have about 40 tickets to sell before drawing a winner.

-Old Business:

-Items at School on Table: Kevin offered to buy the books of value for \$100. He will then sell them and anything he makes he graciously will split 50/50 with the club. In the spring John Weckwerth will have the lady from Montello look at the rest of the books or we will just throw them out.

-List of Maintance Projects: John Serio wants to verify the bell is in the church and if it is to tie a rope on it. He will try to climb in the access door on the roof of the school to see if the bell is there and also tie a rope of it His goal is to ring one of the bells by the April parade. Donny said we need to get a price to replace the windows in the school. Mike Vosen will call a friend who does windows and he'll report at the March meeting. He brought up a good point, he said we need to utilize the resources we have right in our own club and the connections we all have. Many of us know people in different lines of work that could be very helpful to us, we should use those resources first before hiring things out. Marlene Weiss would like to hang 1 or 2 old windows we take out and hang them in the school. Jon Syverson needs to get an estimate from Service Masters for cleaning the inside of the school. He wasn't able to get into the school because of not having a key. John Serio made a motion we get a lockbox on the school and it was seconded by Carol DeCramer. Motion approved. John Weckwerth will purchase one.

-Church sign: John Weckwerth will sand and restrain the sign.

-Rental of Church: John Weckwerth called the insurance company to see if we could rent out the church. Our yearly rates would increase but they have not gotten back to him yet with exact numbers. We would have to charge the person renting out the church extra to cover

insurance and they may even have to take out their own insurance for the event. We also discussed if we would need to put in a bathroom or if we could just use porta potties for an event. We would need a conditional use permit from the county and Carol DeCramer will check into this with the inspector of the county to see if we could even get one before we decide about bathrooms.

-New Business:

-Fireproof safe: After much discussion Marlene Weiss made a motion we purchase a fireproof safe that we could keep at the church with all our important documents in. John seconded it. We had one nay vote and the motion was granted. John Weckwerth will research safes and report back to us.

-Pizza sales: We will be making pizzas on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the Longbranch. Pizza slips will be handed out at the March meeting and orders are due back by March 26th.

-Time Capsule: John Weckwerth would like to put a time capsule in the church grounds.

-Outhouses: John Serio would like to see the outhouses restored at the school before they can't be. After we get Carol's report from the county we could move forward with that.

-Metal Detector: Someone contacted us about using a metal detector to scan the grounds of the church and school. John Serio has one and anyone else who has one could join him to do that. John Weckwerth will invite the man who asked to join in when we pick a date.

-Jon Syverson was contacted by the Princeton Historical Society to tell us that they have digitized all the historical newspapers, articles, etc. online. You can find this information at the Princeton Library Website. Thanks Jon for sharing that information with the club. John Weckwerth will post any articles that pertain to Germania on the Facebook page and the Historical website with a link.

-Our next meeting will be March 5, 2023.

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