

Germania Historical Society, Inc.

-Minutes from May 7, 2023 meeting recorded by Secretary Sue Schatzke.

-The meeting was called to order by the president, John Serio with 21 members present.

-The Secretary's report from the April 2, 2023 meeting was read by Sue Schatzke. A motion was made by George Weiss and seconded by Missy Heller to accept the secretary's report as read and approved.

-Treasurer's report was read by Missy Heller. A motion was made by Jon Syversen 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 received \$50 from the Marquette County ATV Club and also a new couples membership.

-Technology and Media Update report was given by John Weckwerth. He gave an interesting presentation that showed us how to use the website from the Princeton Historical Society. He put a link on the Germania website to access it. He read some newspaper articles with the history of Germania and some of our members: Missy Heller, Marian Heller, George Weiss and John Weckwerth.

-Raffle and Promotional Programs Update was given by Don Heller. The 20 gauge shot gun was won by Nick Freitag.

-Old Business:

-List of Maintenance Projects: Bell: John Serio rang the bell at the beginning and the end of the meeting, it's up and running.

Windows: Mike Vosen got an estimate from Window World and they can replace the windows for about \$1000 a window. After discussion a motion was made by Missy Heller and seconded by Carol DeCramer to go with Window World to replace the windows.

Motion approved. We also discussed we could possibly sell a window to people who then would get their name on a plaque or plate by that window. John Weckwerth will put this on the website for sponsorship. **School Cleaning:** Jon Syverson had checked with a few companies and they all want a commitment for future cleanings. John Weckwerth will call a service he knows.

-Church sign: John Weckwerth and Mike Vosen will sand and restain the sign weather permitting.

-Fireproof safe: John Weckwerth said the safe at Cabela's went up \$200. A motion was made by Carol DeCramer and seconded by Jon Syverson to purchase it from Tractor Supply and have it delivered to the church. Motion passed.

-Time Capsule: John Weckwerth will get a hold of the committee to discuss.

-Outhouses: John Serio will put a tarp over the outhouses to preserve the roof until we have them fixed.

-Pizza sale: We had a profit of \$1267.25 from the pizza sale held in April. Missy will come up with a date for our next pizza sale.

-Parade Float: Kim reported the banner for float was purchased for \$196.23. They will add the \$100 they won at the parade towards it.

Don Heller made a motion that the Historical Society cover the rest of the cost of the banner, seconded by Jill Cain. Motion approved.

Kim Ross had can cozies made with a picture of the school on it to sell on parade day. She will have more made to sell and will look into how much shirts, hats, etc. would cost with the logo on it. The committee reported how everyone seemed to enjoy the float and how there was different generations walking and riding the float. Kudos to the committee for a great job on the float!

-Kevin DeCramer will make out an application for an ACEC Grant for the cost of the windows.

-John Serio checked into getting electricity at the school. After talking to the county it would be considered a new construction if we hook up. He has all the information when we're ready to hook up the electricity.

New Business:

-John Serio asked for volunteers to pick up sticks on the church grounds before we start the mowing. Some members stayed after and did that. Mike Vosen commented that as a group we didn't represent the Historical Society very well because of the way the grounds looked. We agreed next year before the parade we will have the school and church grounds looking presentable.

-George Weiss received some old bottles from Scotty Zuehls that were from the creamery that he donated to the club.

-A pitchfork from the colony house was donated to our club by Kathy McGwin from the Montello Historical Society.

-Don Heller got \$150 for the prints we had in the church and Jon Heller will take most of the plates.

-Our next meeting will be June 4, 2023 at the church.

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