

Germania Historical Society, Inc.

-Minutes from August 7, 2022 meeting recorded by Secretary Sue Schatzke.

-The meeting was called to order by John Weckwerth with 14 members present.

-The Secretary's report from the July 10, 2022 meeting was read by Sue Schatzke. A motion was made by George Weiss and seconded by Doug Bethke to accept the secretary's report as read and approved.

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

-Membership Director's report: Lisa was absent but John Weckwerth reported we have no new members. He created a spreadsheet for Lisa to keep track of all the members. John made a motion that anyone who joins now will join for 2023 and get the rest of the membership year of 2022 for free which ends on October 31, 2022. It was seconded by George Weiss and motion was approved.

-Technology/Media/QR Initiative Update report was given by John Weckwerth. John put a post on Facebook about the Germania Historical Society and the Marquette County news ran it in the newspaper. John received the journal that Ed Phillips wrote in as a 17 year old in 1897 about his daily life in Germania. He read another excerpt from the journal. The journal was given to us from Jean Bucknum along with a letter. Ed started the journal in 1897 and he

passed in 1901. We also recieved one of Ed's books. It was interesting that his journal and his book will reside in the same church that he attended and where his funeral was held. John also told a ghost story by Deilia Block- Phillips and we all had a laugh.

-Raffle and Promotional Programs Update was given by Don Heller. He reported the gun is making money and he also sold a print. Don would like to get rid of the plates and prints we have in the church. It was decided that after the meeting we would take pictures of some of the items and John Weckwerth would put them on Facebook for sale. The public can reach out to John and they can come to the church to view the items.

-Old Business:

-Carriage House Sign: Kevin DeCramer has installed the sign. He believes the carriage house went back farther than the church's property line. Mike Vosen volunteered to go the the court house and check out the property lines and how old it is.

-Painting: Doug was in touch with Travis Hopp, he received our check and said he is hoping to start painting the inside of the church in 2-3 weeks.

-Pizza Sale: Missy reported we made \$1080 on the pizza sale.

-School Clean Up: After discussion it was decided that we would get a dumpster for Saturday, September 10. All members are encouraged to show up. Prior to that date some members will go through and sort items so we are ready to use the dumpster on the 10th. Missy is chairman for that committee. Kevin and Carol DeCramer have already went through all the books at the school and

put them in 3 groups, books that are historical, old books that are worth money and disposable books. Thanks Kevin and Carol for all your hard work.

New Business:

-Donation: Missy said Joe Smith's dad wants to donate some items from the other church in Germanaia.

-List of Maintenance Projects: Missy got a white board and easel and we will comprise a lists of projects we need to work on. After we clean out the school we will have a better idea of what needs to be repaired. Don Heller did go fix 2 of the windows at the school.

-We will have no meeting in September but we will meet October 2, 2022 at the Longbranch. We will have a potluck after, please bring a dish to pass. Missy will provide the meat and buns. We will also nominate and elect a new Vice President.

- A motion was made by George Weiss and seconded by Doug Bethke to close the meeting. Motion approved.