

# **Germania Historical Society Inc.**

**Minutes from October 3, 2021 meeting by Secretary, Sue Schatzke.**

**-The meeting was called to order by our new President, John Serio with 13 members present. John introduced himself and gave a little history of his family and their connection to Germania.**

**- The Secretary's report was read from the September 12, 2021 meeting. A motion by Don Heller and seconded by Carol DeCramer to accept the report as read and approved.**

**-Treasurer's report was given by Missy Heller with a balance of \$26,355.60 with deposits still to be made. A motion was made by Kevin DeCramer and seconded by Doug Bethke to accept the report as read and approved.**

**-Membership report was given by Marian Heller. We received one new lifetime membership. We still have members who owe dues for 2020. A motion was made by Doug Bethke to accept the report as given and seconded by John Serio and approved. Lisa Dahl was nominated by John Serio and seconded by Jon Severson to fill in for Marian while she's recovering from heart surgery. Motion was approved. We discussed that we do have a mailing address so we're looking into getting a mailbox to receive our mail. John Weckwerth will check online or with the post office in Neshkoro to see what size we need to get. After the box is up he will change the address on the form to direct mail here. For now membership dues will be sent to Lisa's address.**

**-Technology/Social Media/QR Initiative Update was given by John**

**Weckwerth. The maps for the Germania Historic Trail will be on the website and we'll also have hard copy booklets. We will sell them at the Longbranch. Kevin DeCramer put up maps at the sites and will keep checking on those. Many people have shown interest in the signs and are very excited about them. John gave a special thank you to Christine Johnson for buying the club a new computer. John Serio discussed membership and wants John Weckwerth to send a general text to members.**

**-Raffle and Promotional Programs Update was given by Don Heller. There is a gun at the Longbranch and we've already sold enough tickets to pay for it.**

**-An update of the purchase of the Germania School was given by Missy Heller. Their lawyer is looking at it and if all is going good we will be ready to sign when our lawyer lets us know. John Weckwerth will print up a document to purchase for the closing. The officers will sign it to give permission for the president to purchase the school on the behalf of the GHSI. Christine Johnson brought up the idea of getting the abstract for the properties we own.**

**-New Business: No date has been set for the Harvest Dinner. Missy, Rhonda and Christine are the committee for the dinner. Bill Tagatz's family donated pictures and plates to the Historical Society. We would sell them at the Germania Benefit next April with the money going to us. Don is going to check with a guy who might be interested in some of them first. John Weckwerth will be attending the Marquette County UTV meeting on October 9th and will have forms there for anyone to join the GHSI and also information about the trails. Missy is wondering if the creamery in town can be saved.**

**John Serio will check out it's condition and what might need to be done to save it.**

**-Our next meeting will be November 7, 2021 at 10 a.m.**

**-A motion was made by Kevin DeCramer and seconded by Doug Bethke to close the meeting, motion approved.**