

GERMANIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
General Membership Meeting February 1, 2026
10:00am at the Longbranch Saloon, Germania, WI

02/01/26 MINUTES

17 members in attendance.

Board members present :President Kim Ross, Vice President Bob Pickart, Treasurer Missy Heller, Secretary Ronda Goldsmith.

Members/Attendees: Jill Cain, Neal Cain, John Serio, Tom Gaulke, Don Heller, Marian Heller, Jerry Ross, Mike Vosen, Jon Syverson, Edith Wargula, Tom Wargula, Dean Below, Jan Boeker/Below.

Call to order and welcome by President Kim Ross at 10:07am.

January 04 meeting minutes were read and approved.
Motion made by Tom Gaulke/2nd John Serio.

Treasurer's report given by Missy Heller and approved
\$ 44,173.54 in checking plus \$50,000 in CD
ACEC bills of \$43.40 and \$41.20 deductions
\$30.00 membership fees collected for deposit
Motion made by Marian Heller/2nd Jon Syverson

Committee Reports:

- Go Fund Me: Nothing new
- Raffles: Don Heller reported that the gun tickets had been sold. Winner Logan Walker of Pardeeville, WI was drawn at the meeting
- New Raffle: A new shot gun and an ice auger are now available to purchase tickets on.

Ongoing projects:

- ACEC grant was discussed by phone per Kim Ross, the club has now asked for the full amount (\$3,960) of the mini-split at the school per what Kevin DeCramer had previously requested (\$2500).
- Majority approved that Bob Pickart purchase ceiling fans (an in-store close out price at Menard's) for the church .
- Jon Syverson gave an update to the quote for roof repair from Skyline Construction of Coloma An estimate was given of \$15,900.00. A 2nd quote will be requested and Don Heller suggested that it could be repaired rather than replaced, upon further inspection this Spring by members.

- A proposal was presented from Country Plumber of \$8,720.00 for a holding tank and piping at the school. We will need to locate the septic tank area before we install the well. Checking on existing well also.
- School building hole on the south side might be needed for plumbing access
- Joel Huemann from the lake will be contacted for a licensed plumber.

Old Business:

- A committee of Tagatz cousins was formed to work on gathering more information regarding a William Tagatz memorial park area at the church building. Jill and Neal Cain, Missy Heller, Jan and Dean Below are the committee gathering prices and ideas.

New Business:

- Kim Ross ordered a commemorative flag for the pole at the school to commemorate 250 years of the United States of America. It was decided that on July 5th, after the GHS meeting, to dedicate the Tagatz memorial and celebrate 250 years of history.
- \$50,000 CD will mature on February 8th. A motion was made to reinvest \$30,000. into a new CD if there was a decent rate of interest. Motion carried 1st John Serio/2nd Jon Syverson.

No history report was given as Kevin was absent from this meeting

Jan Boeker/Below and Dean Below joined as new members at the end of the meeting.

March Agenda suggestions:

- Updates on buildings from Bob Pickart
- Updates on Tagatz memorial from Tagatz cousins
- Ideas for the Tagatz memorial/250 year celebration at the July 5th meeting
- Update on CD investment
- Church Insurance update
- Flag for 250 years

The next meeting will be held Sunday, March 1, 2026 10 am at the church.

Motion made by John Serio/Neal Cain to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.