

Germania Historical Society, Inc.
General Membership Meeting – June 1, 2025
10:00 a.m. at the Germania Historical Society Church
N1968 Eagle Road, Germania, WI

MINUTES

Board members present: President Kevin DeCramer, Treasurer Missy Heller,
Secretary Carole DeCramer

Board members absent: Vice President Kim Ross

Attendees: Edith Wargula, Tom Wargula, Mike Vosen, Marian Heller, John Serio, Tom
Gaulke, Christine Johnson, Neal Cain, Jill Cain, Brad Syverson, Jon Syverson, Don Heller,
Sue Schatzke, Jayne Pickart, Bob Pickart

Call to order and welcome

10:03 a.m. President Kevin DeCramer welcomed the attendees and reminded everyone to
sign in.

Approve the agenda

On a motion by Bob Pickart/Jill Cain, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda.

Approve the minutes of 5/4/25

**Motion by Sue Schatzke/Marian Heller, unanimously carried, to approve the 5/4/25
minutes.**

Approve the treasurer's report

Missy Heller reported that this month's treasurer's report will be presented next month.
Kim has some of the information that is needed for the report.

Beginning Balance	\$55,293.05	
Deposits	\$	*
Withdrawals	\$	**
Total in General Fund	\$	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ _____	-
Total	\$	
*Deposits	\$ 00	50/50 raffle
	\$ 00	pizza sale
	\$	CD came due

	\$	Total deposits
**Withdrawals	\$	ACEC Electric Co.

Motion by Tom Gaulke/John Serio, unanimously carried, to approve the treasurer's report.

Committee reports:

- Go-Fund-Me Account (Kim Ross)

No update.

- Raffle (Don Heller)

Don reported that we have another gun and raffle tickets are selling.

- Fundraisers (Missy Heller and Kim Ross)

Flower sales amounted to \$1,892.00.

- Facilities

1. Outhouses (Kevin DeCramer)

Kevin stated that the church and school outhouses just have to be cleaned.

2. School Projects (Bob Pickart)

Bob reported that Pulvermacher came out and sized up what needs to be done for electricity for the school. He gave a ballpark estimate of \$2,500.

On a motion by Jon Syverson/Mike Vosen, unanimously carried, in lieu of getting a second bid, approve moving forward with the Pulvermacher estimate not to exceed \$3,000.

3. School cleaning and painting (Sue Schatzke)

Sue stated that she is waiting for water and electricity and water before the school can be cleaned and painted.

Ongoing project reports

- ACEC grant (Kevin DeCramer):

The ACEC grant is due June 15th. An application has been submitted to the Oberreich Foundation for three air conditioners.

- Membership (Kim Ross)

No update.

- Princeton papers chronicle (Kevin DeCramer)

Kevin said that he continues to work on gathering Germania information from the Princeton papers.

Old Business:

- Next steps for school renovations (priority list)

The school project was discussed earlier. The bell will be fixed when someone climbs up to attach the new rope.

- Cleanup of historical sites

Kevin DeCramer suggested that a couple of other projects could be added to the list of things that need to be done. There are some trees at the school and church that should either be cut down or trimmed. Cleanup at the site of the Colony House (Big House) has begun. The original foundation is becoming more visible now. Work on the site will continue.

New business:

- Wine walk

No update.

- A little bit of history

On January 24, 1924, the Princeton *Republic* reported that “a bed of marl was found in Comstock Lake by Albert Weckwerth and Arthur Hoeft.” The marl was later dredged as fertilizer for farm fields, which accounts for the greater depth in the southwest portion of the lake.

July agenda items

No suggestions currently.

Next meeting date

July 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the Germania Historical Society church, weather permitting.

Adjournment

10:37 a.m. **On a motion by John Serio/Jon Syverson, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Approved

7/6/25