

Germania Historical Society, Inc.

Minutes from April 2, 2023, meeting recorded by Secretary Sue Schatzke.

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

The Secretary's report from the March 5, 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 Syverson 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 handed out lifetime certificates to some members.

Technology and Media Update report was given by John Weckwerth. We have the raffle licenses, and he needs to print them off. He also purchased a new laptop to be used by the secretary.

Raffle and Promotional Programs update was given by Don Heller. We are selling tickets for a 20-gauge turkey gun and enough tickets were sold so we are now making money on the gun.

Old business:

List of maintenance projects: John Serio helped Jill Cain get into the belfry of the church and was able to ring the bell. Mike Vosen is still waiting for an estimate from Window World and, hopefully, he will have an estimate by the next meeting. Jon Syverson is checking with a few companies to clean and hopefully, we'll have an estimate by the next meeting. Carole DeCramer checked with the Marquette County zoning administrator and was told that the Town of Shields is unzoned. We can make repairs to the building without a permit; however, he suggested that, if we decide to put up a building, we should check with the zoning department first. She also checked with someone about having events at the school or church and we would have to

check with the head of Environmental Health. Also, if we would put in any kind of holding tank or septic system, we'd need to talk to someone at the county.

Church sign: John Weckwerth will sand and re-stain the sign, weather permitting.

Rental of church: John Weckwerth checked with our insurance agent and our insurance would double if we rented out the church. We decided we probably wouldn't recoup the expense so, for now, we will not rent it out.

Lockbox: John Weckwerth and Don Heller installed the lockbox at the school, but the keys didn't work so they will get working keys into it.

Fireproof safe: John Weckwerth will purchase the safe when it is back in stock from Cabela's and they have free delivery.

Time capsule: John Weckwerth asked to form a committee to decide what should be put in the capsule and then they will present the information to the society. Mike and Diane Vosen, John Serio, and Kevin DeCramer volunteered to help.

Outhouses: John Serio will figure out what supplies are needed to restore the outhouses and will present that at the next meeting. He also needs to trim some branches that are around the outhouses. Kevin and Carole DeCramer and Mike Vosen will help John with this project.

Metal detector: Norman Welch will call people who signed up.

Pizza sale: We will make pizzas Monday, April 3rd at 10 a.m. at the Longbranch. 157 were sold and we'll make more to sell at the parade and bar.

New Business:

Parade float: The committee met, and they have a plan for the float. Mike Vosen will drive an old tractor and pull an old trailer that they will decorate. The back of the trailer will have a big piece of cardboard that will look like the school. Kim said that they have old clothes to wear and they have people lined up that will walk and hand out candy and pamphlets about the Germania Historical Society. The parade is scheduled for April 29, 2023.

Kevin DeCramer will apply for an ACEC grant once we get an estimate for new windows. We're hoping to get the grant to offset the cost of the windows.

John Serio will check into getting electricity to the school.

Kathleen McGwin is a member of the Montello Historical Society, and she was selling books that had information from Germania.

Out next meeting will be May 7, 2023.

A motion was made by Jon Syverson and seconded by George Weiss to adjourn. Motion carried.