

## Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society

February 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Judy Nelson.

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rita Russell read the minutes of the January meeting. They were approved as read.

Kathy Williams presented the Financial Statement. We currently have \$41,834.52 in our regular account and \$40,834.52 in our savings. It will be placed for audit.

Judson House-Marsha indicated that the foyer and parlor carpets had been cleaned and two other carpets had been sent out for cleaning. Rosalie had sent letters to senior living centers re: the possibility of having tours. They are working on having a Proper English Tea in June.

Judy indicated that Ron Messenger will give us a quote on the back porch. He is the first contractor willing to do so, due to the well in the corner. It will involve hand digging and then placing cement pillars. He will also have to fix the back entry porch. He will put up a new gutter and downspout. That can be done without an estimate due to the minimal cost. We need volunteers to scrape and paint the windowsills inside the Judson House.

Museum-Jim indicated that he had a rental of the meeting room to Verify and they will be renting it again in March.

Eagle-Kathy indicated that the back kitchen floor has been replaced. The door closure on the handicapped entrance door had been replaced. The downspout on the rear of the building has been replaced. The toilet on the second floor has been replaced. The first floor toilets have been

repaired. Wallpaper going to the third floor needs to be repaired and JoAnne will take care of that.

Waterford Days-Kathy indicated that the entertainment has been booked. Crafter apps are now available. It appears the Historical Society will have the Kettle Corn wagon again which was a great fundraiser for us, also the car show behind the Judson House.

George Washington Park-Kathy and Jim will work on getting the teaching garden laid out. It is too late for the Greenways Grant this year, but there is a lot of preliminary work, so they can apply for it next year. Kathy indicated she is hoping to get the waterline installed this year.

An Amazing Race will be held in conjunction with Corry and Union City Historical Society's on October 14 and 15. The Waterford American Legion has donated their facility on the 15<sup>th</sup> along with food for the finish.

A budget meeting will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Jake's for the coordinators of the Museum and Judson House.

A Pierogi dinner will be held on April 22 at the American Legion. We will need help on the 20<sup>th</sup> and possibly the 21<sup>st</sup> to get the pierogi's ready and set up. JoAnne Lenart-Weary is in charge of this. She will let us know more in March. Please be prepared to work, order and eat. A big thanks to the Legion for allowing us to use their facilities. They are a great neighbor!!

Jack Matay was installed as co-coordinator of the Museum.

Judy indicated that she had a call from John Hornaman and his cancer is back. We have some other members who have been sick and could use some prayers also; Rosalee, Marlene Lewis and Jim Edwards. Also, Harold Williams and Aletha Hoods passed away. Also, the dad of a

member, Bill Snyder, passed away and we have been receiving memorials. Our prayers to all concerned.

We had discussed changing our by-laws at our January meeting and it was met with some concern re: having a quorum. It was determined that you only need to have a quorum at Board of Director's meetings. To follow Robert's Rule we will present the exact wording one month and vote the next. We will present the wording in April and vote in May when we have more member's present since the weather is better.

A motion was made by Jim Edwards and seconded by Jack Matay that we pay our Erie Yesterday dues of \$10.00. Motion carried.

Discussion was held re: becoming a major sponsor of the Our Town DVD and presentation which is being done by WQLN. It is \$1,000 but will give us a presence at the beginning of the DVD. After discussion members made personal donations of \$350 and the balance of \$650 will be paid by the Historical Society. Kathy made this motion, Jack seconded and it was carried.

Heidi and Melinda Meyers met with an archivist about our scanning program. Heidi has begun scanning the accessions. We will also be scanning all business documents into a dropbox. Let Judy or Heidi know if you are available to help.

John Chizmar is taking photo's of all of our artifacts for insurance purposes. He just completed the Eagle.

B'Linda Wilcox looked at the items we have in the basement of the Judson House to see if there is anything worth repairing or repurposing. According to Marsha she felt we should clean everything and possibly repurpose one thing as an example, but just sell the rest of the items, as is.

We would like to have some type of opening on the week-end of May  
1<sup>st</sup>.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim and seconded by Marilyn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell, Secretary