

Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society General Meeting

September 22, 2016

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

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary, Rita Russell read the minutes of the August meeting. They were approved as read.

Kathy Williams was not present, so Judy Nelson presented the treasurers report. We currently have \$44,935.15 in our primary account and \$40,768.83 in our reserved account. The report will be placed for audit.

Judson House-We have spent approx. \$38,000 on the Judson House for repairs. The new columns are cracking. Great Lakes is looking at replacing them at no charge. The shutters have been repainted and reinstalled. Our grant is now complete. When Jeff Kidder looked at the foundation issue in the rear he pointed out that the gutter that is there has a downspout by the back door, causing the roof and foundation to erode. We had a quote from Ron Messenger to fix the floorboards where they attach to the wall where there is an opening and also, put a new gutter across the back of the building from the kitchen to the south end. He will put in a new downspout to direct the water away from the foundation. The quote was for \$450. Jack Mattay made a motion that we have the work completed. Audrey seconded. Motion carried.

This is not a permanent fix, but we will need a grant to take care of any major repairs to the foundation.

Rosalie indicated she had a visitor to the Judson House who was an heir to the Pollock family. They have a deed to the Pollock farm and are willing to donate it.

Museum report-Jim indicated he has had group tours. The Fire Dept. met to see what they would have to deal with in the event of a problem. He remodeled the gift shop.

Eagle Report-We are going to have a couple more people look at the furnace. We have spent \$750 on the furnace in the past month. The last people told us it needs replaced. We would like at least 3 quotes. The carpet person should be able to look at the carpeting soon. It appears the wiring on the furnace needs to be looked at. We are having Sparky Edwards look at this.

Waterford Days-We are still waiting for some of the non-profits to submit their 10%. Letters are being sent to them.

Boofest-Sandy and Joanne are chairing this. It is October 15th and 16th. Sandy indicated that the signs are already up. Organizations have been contacted re: scarecrows. She is looking for people to make gift baskets. Any help will be appreciated.

Witches tea is October 1. They are meeting right now. They currently have approx 40 reservations.

Joe's Auto Parts Building-a discussion was held re: this building. Even if the building were to be donated to the Historical Society we felt that we should decline it, since it would be too late to have anything done prior to winter. We would be responsible for any liability that would occur. The Board made the recommendation that we do not accept a gift of Joe's Auto Parts building if it was offered to us. If the building was still standing and it was gifted to us in April we would consider it at

that time. A motion was made by Audrey and seconded by Sandy and carried.

Heidi installed the software for scanning and this will start in January. Anyone interested please let Heidi know and she will set up a time to start teaching how to scan.

We have created a position at the Museums. It is called the coordinator. The language has been approved by the Board. Copies available for anyone to see.

The slate of officers for 2017:

President-Judy Nelson

Vice-President-Jim Edwards

Secretary-Rita Russell

Treasurer-Kathy Williams

Corresponding Secretary-Zona Miller

Co-ordinator of the Judson House Marsha Strohmeyer

Co-ordinator of the Eagle-Kathy Williams

Co-ordinator of the Museum-Jim Edwards

Co-ordinator of the Library, Genealogy and Scanning-Heidi Longstreet

Co-ordinator of Washington Park-Dave Lessor

Discussion was held re: giving a second semester scholarship to a senior who is a member of FLB Historical Society. It would be a \$500 scholarship. Zona will head the committee.

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Zona and carried.

The fire extinguishers are being looked at for maintenance.

The George Washington Trail is being completed and signage is needed on our end. The signs and posts total \$525. After some discussion Nancy Briggs suggested we use the balance of the money in the Charles Alcorn account and Marilyn Stubbe said we could take money from the memorial fund from Earl Stubbe to pay the balance. Jack Mattay made a motion that the signage be paid for using those funds, Nancy Briggs seconded, motion carried.

Judy reported on attending the meeting re: the Covered Bridge. It appears that at this point it will be 2018 before we see it completed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Audrey and seconded by Jack Mattay.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell, Secretary