

Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society General Meeting

October 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order by secretary, Rita Russell.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kathy Williams presented the treasurer's report. We currently have \$42,815.29 in our account and \$40,778.38 in our reserved savings. The account was left for audit.

Judson House-Marsha Strohmeyer indicated that the Witches Tea had been a success. She indicated that the Bake Sale held during BooFest had netted \$208. A big thanks was given to everyone who donated.

Kathy Williams indicated that Judy Nelson has contacted Great Lakes to see what the hold-up is on replacing the columns in front of the Judson House. Marsha and Jim Edwards are working on putting a tea shop themed gift shop in the Judson House.

Museum-Jim indicated that the museum continues to be busy.

Joan Mancuso presented new shirts she has designed. There are both short and long-sleeved shirts and they are available in the museum gift shop.

Eagle-Kathy Williams indicated that the gift shop continues to do well. She is getting estimates on the furnace at the Eagle. We are aware that this is a major project and anything requiring major expenses will need to come before the membership. She is also getting quotes to repair the landing going to the third floor. If the repairs are less than \$200 they would only have to be approved by the Board. Ken indicated there

was a problem with an area in the prep kitchen. Kathy will get in touch with Mike.

BooFest-Kathy indicated that there had been a loss of approx. \$92. It appears we will not attempt this in the future. Joan and Sandy worked extremely hard but there is just too much else going on during the same time.

Witches Tea-Kathy indicated that it was a great success with 59 of 60 seats sold. She didn't have the exact figures but felt that the profit will be approx. \$650. People had requested that a similar event be held in the spring.

Haunted Walks-We are looking for additional people to run the inside walk and be cashier on October 29th and 30th. We made \$220 on the first week-end.

Colonial Christmas-We are involving the town in the process this year. There have been a couple of meetings and things are going well. Lions Club will be putting out the luminaries in the park. Our next meeting is November 2nd.

The theme for the Historical Society is Christmas Traditions and we will be decorating the 3 rooms at the Eagle as a Santa room, an Outdoor Wonderland room and a music room. We can use help from anyone that has time to help us decorate or has items to let us borrow. There will be people in the rooms to watch your items at all times.

The Historical Society will once again be selling wreaths for \$25. Center pieces for \$35. Cemetery crosses for \$33 and swags for \$15.

A paranormal event will be held at the Judson House on Friday, October 28th.

Because of our insurance it is necessary to be a member of the Historical Society in order to be covered for an accident if you are working on an event. We do have college and high school students that provide us with service hours and we would like to extend a free membership to them in order to have them covered under the insurance. If they are a minor they would also have to have a signed permission slip from their parents. A motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Jack Mattay and carried.

We voted last month to provide the money for the Washington Trail signs. It appears now that the committee for the Washington Trail will now pay for it.

The November meeting is held on the 17th of the month at Sugar 'N Spice at 6:00 P.M. This is our annual dinner meeting. It is a week early due to Thanksgiving. The Board meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday. New officers will be installed at this meeting.

The slate of officers for 2017 is:

President-Judy Nelson

Vice-President-Jim Edwards

Secretary-Rita Russell

Treasurer-Kathy Williams

Corresponding Secretary-Zona Miller

Co-ordinator of the Judson House-Marsha Stromeyer

Co-ordinator of the Eagle-Kathy Williams

Co co-coordinator of the Museum-Jim Edwards and Jack Mattay

Co-ordinator of Library, genealogy and scanning-Heidi Longstreet

Co-ordinator of Washington Park-Dave Lessor

We have a tablet for sale for \$40. It is new in the box.

We will start scanning items in January. Anyone interested please let us know.

Bob Briggs was asked to do a class for an Anthropology Class at Behrend. This was a great representation of our membership.

Marilyn Stubbe also indicated she had been asked by Melinda Meyers to take pictures of any buildings in our Historic District and forward them to her.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken and seconded by Jack Mattay. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell, Secretary