

Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society

June 22, 2017

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

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judy introduced 2 new members who were in attendance.

She indicated that Ed Pfadt would be presenting a program following the meeting on cleaning, repairing and resetting headstones.

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

Kathy Williams presented the Financial Statement. We currently have a balance of \$38,639.75. There is a balance of \$40,882.56 in the reserved savings. The report will be placed for audit.

Judson House-Marsha indicated that a Red Hatter's Tea had just been held. A tour from Independence Court was scheduled for June 30th. The Ed Orris memorial bench will be set. She has filled flower pots to be placed by it.

Musuem-Jim indicated that they had a very successful knife making blacksmithing class. They plan to schedule another one. In this month's edition of Muzzleloader's magazine there was Part 1 of an article re: Gov. Dinwiddie's Ultimatum. It mentions Fort Leboeuf, but has some incorrect information. Jim was going to contact the magazine to let them know we have a vital Museum here.

Eagle Hotel-Kathy indicated that one of the AC units was down, so we had no choice but to have the electrical work done in order to get the AC back up and running. While that unit was down, another unit burned out due to overworking. To date, we have had the electrical work done and the one AC unit is in, the second is on order. LeBoeuf

Industries is doing the work. The completed work to date, has cost \$7059. They are going to run a line to the gift shop so that we can a window AC/Heating unit. We will purchase that unit from Al's.

Due to the new parking regulations, we are concerned about people parking in the lot for Sugar 'N Spice rather than trying to back in on High Street. We discussed ordering new signs for the lot.

Waterford Days-Kathy indicated there are 65 crafters, she could still use more. She did receive one new food tent. LeBoeuf Industries is looking at the breakers to make sure there are no problems. The car cruise-in is set for Saturday and Sunday. Saturday with Antiques and Sunday with Muscle cars, Street rods and special interest vehicles.

The teaching garden is In limbo. We are waiting to hear back on a lay-out.

The Historical Society was named in a lawsuit along with Sugar 'N Spice for something that occurred on 9-13-15. We are letting the insurance company attorneys handle it.

We had a couple at our June Board meeting, Chris and Ed Matheis, who would be interested in helping us with fundraising projects. We will look into several of their ideas.

Ed Pfadt attended the grave cleaning seminar on our behalf. We would like to offer the program through the Historical Society. A motion was made by Zona and seconded by Jack and carried.

The Board made at motion that we apply for the ECGRA grant that begins July 19th and is awarded in September. We would apply for new handrails for the steps going down to the street from the Judson House, the foundation work on the Judson House, insurance on the campus, Jim's compensation, the remaining A/C unit at the Eagle and the installation of the unit, and a security camera system for the outside of

our campus. A motion was made by Zona and seconded by Sandy and carried.

We have run into an issue with the artifacts for the DAR, DAC and anyone else that may items stored in our museums. They must furnish us with a copy of proof of insurance, or we need to provide proof that it was properly accessioned to the Museum.

Jack Mathay has given us a great list of future programs.

Ed is working on making on campus nationally known. This will take several years. Updates as things progress.

Bill Schneider found 2 artifacts in his late father's belongings that he donated to us. One was a 1759 report from an English Spy and talks about troop movements in the area of Fort LeBouef. This will be framed and hung in the Museum. The other was a woman's shopping list from 1821. This will be framed and hung at the Judson House.

Don't forget ERIE GIVES on August 11th.

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

Following the meeting, Ed presented his program on cleaning, repairing and resetting headstones. It was very informative.

Respectfully submitted.

Rita Russell, Secretary