

Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society General Meeting

September 28, 2017

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

All those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A new member, Susan Greider was introduced.

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

Kathy Williams presented the Financial Statement. We currently have \$21,755.45 in our regular account and \$40,946.90 in reserved savings. It will be placed for audit.

Judson House report-Marsha indicated that they had a recent tour and are decorating for the Witches Tea.

Museum-Jim indicated that they are now carrying the Muzzleloader Magazine. The drawing for the PA long rifle will be held on November 18th.

Eagle-the wiring still needs to be addressed. We are hoping to find some additional funding for that project. We would like to find some additional help to work in the gift shop.

Teaching garden report-Kathy met with Denny Hinkler from Wander Landscaping following our Board meeting. They are now on the same page and he is going to rework the proposal.

Gravestone cleaning-Ed Pfadt is leading this project for us. It will be held on October 7th. The American Legion donated \$400 for supplies

and Lowes donated 25 buckets. They are going to work at the circle in the Waterford Cemetery where Michael Hare's Gravestone is located.

Witches Tea-Kathy indicated that it will be held on Friday evening October 6th and 2 sessions on October 7th. They will serve a light luncheon and have a theatrical performance. Based on last year it should be a great time.

The Amazing Historical Race will be held on October 14th and 15th in conjunction with Corry and Union City Historical Society's. The end point will be on Sunday at the Waterford American Legion who has generously donated snacks. Please think about participating and learning some local history. You could win \$100.

House tours-Sandy indicated that they will be held on November 17th, 18th and 19th. The houses have been selected and are ready to be decorated. If you can be of assistance please let Sandy, Joanne or Blinda know. They will need house sitters and gift baskets. The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Colonial Christmas will continue to be the first weekend in December.

Washington Trail-there will be a Summit in Cranberry Twp. Pa on Wednesday, October 4th. We have 6 members attending. We were advised at the last regular meeting of the committee that they are planning a large 265th Anniversary Celebration of the Trail in December 2018. A committee of Jack Mathay, Jim Edwards, Zona Miller and Heidi Longstreet has been appointed. This will be a large celebration, especially if the trail gets a federal designation prior to that time. We have been advised by Congressman Kelly that it is on his agenda to present the trail to congress in November of this year. We have the

current brochures concerning the Geo. Washington Trail available. These have been taken to Visit Erie for distribution.

A recommendation was made by the Board that we continue our membership with Visit Erie for an annual fee of \$250. A motion was made by Audrey and seconded by Marilyn. Motion carried.

A recommendation was made by the Board that we continue our membership with Crawford County Visitor's Center for an annual fee of \$95. A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Marilyn. Motion carried.

A recommendation was made by the Board that we pay our \$20 annual dues to the Geo. Washington Trail Committee. A motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Nancy. Motion carried.

The Board recommended that we return all artifacts that are in the Judson House that belong to the Commonwealth. We cannot insure them because they do not belong to the Historical Society. However, Judy asked that we table this motion for at least a month while she waits to hear an answer from our insurance carrier and, the Commonwealth. A motion to table this was made by Gene and seconded by Jack and carried.

We have found newspaper clippings, postcards and photos stored improperly, in the process of accessioning. We would like to purchase acid free binders and pages to prevent any additional damage. The Board made a recommendation that we purchase 4 3 ring binders, 2 sets of photo protector sheets and 2 sets of plain protectors. A motion was made by Audrey and seconded by Heidi and carried.

We received a check for \$1008.24 from Non-Profit Erie from Erie Gives Day. It costs us \$150 to join to be eligible for the drive. A discussion is underway to determine if it is worth our joining, or if we should have our own fund drive.

We received \$8700 from ECGRA. This was the Grant we had applied for. It is a matching grant and we have one year to use it and provide ECGRA with proof the projects were completed.

We have several members who have not paid their 2017 dues. We are asking that they pay the last quarter and 2018.

Judy read a list of the bills we deal with on a regular basis. It is an eye opener when we realize what the organization pays out.

We have the completed financial statement from the CPA if anyone wants to review it.

Hagen History Center has some binders that were once the property of the Historical Society. They were given to Mercyhurst Archives by Ed Morrison. When they downsized, they gave them to the Hagen History Center. If they cannot prove they were given to them as a gift, rather than a permanent loan they would belong to us. Mercyhurst is working on this.

Mercyhurst is working on inventorying and accessioning the Judson House with Heidi. Do not remove or add anything without a form.

Judy Mathay is going to maintain a scrapbook for us with any articles related to anything re: Waterford. If you have anything, please give it to Judy.

Harry Latta was going to talk to an EPA employee about the flood plain in Waterford. He will find out what can be done with the land around the Museum before we can make any decisions re: the parking lot or and additional projects.

The pole's where we hung the banner for Waterford Days has been wiped out by a semi. They have been removed. We will no longer be able to hang the banner across the highway.

Barb Rejzer has agreed to be the Marketing Director. She will advise you what is available, and when you need to have your information to the various media sources. When you are planning an event, talk to Barb.

If there is anything you want in the brochures, see Kathy Williams. They will be reprinted for 2018, since we are changing our hours.

Ed Pfadt is heading a committee to brainstorm ideas for facilities and funding. He would like to meet in November. If you are interested, please see Ed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell, Secretary