

Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society General Meeting

January 26,2018

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

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no October minutes read, since Rita was ill. In November and December there are no regular meetings, so no minutes would be available.

The financial statement for November indicated that in the regular account we had \$29,666.07. In Reserved accounts we had \$40,999.20. The December financial statement listed a balance of \$35,550.55 in the regular account and \$41, 021.26 in Reserved accounts.

Judy indicated that tax purposes you can claim volunteer hours, \$0.14 a mile and the cost of donated items.

Judson House -Colonial Christmas was a great success. A big thanks to the Waterford Garden Club for the beautiful job decorating.

Eagle-snowmobilers have knocked down 2 chimney lanterns on our lights at the Eagle. It was reported to the State Police in order to file an insurance claim. We have a \$3,000 deductible. We were able to locate the original invoice for the company that made the lanterns. We were advised that to that to just replace the light was approx. \$595. We also have 3 poles that have knocked down in the past year. We were quoted prices of \$400 for wooden poles and \$275 for high density poly poles that look just like the wooden poles. Over the years, the base of the poles has been gouged from the weedwhacker. We were advised that they sell a copper collar that slides over the pole and goes about 4" into

the ground and 2" above to prevent this problem. These are \$23.00 each. The insurance claim was cancelled since we are under our deductible. A motion was made by Jack Mathay and seconded by Audrey that we replace them all with wooden poles. Motion carried, with 2 opposed.

Museum-Jim indicates that he continues to remodel.

Christmas House Tours-Sandy Williams indicated they had a great turnout. The profit was \$5202.48, less what they will spend for a thank-you dinner for the home owners who so kindly opened their houses to the public.

Colonial Christmas-a good turnout. Wreaths-we made approx. \$3175.

Tombstone cleaning-they will have a meeting to set a date and determine pricing.

Fund Raising Committee-Ed Pfadt-he has 3 people and they plan on meeting 3 times a year.

Eagle-the Boiler needs repairs according to the Dept. of Labor and Industry. Ben Green will look at it and give us pricing.

George Washington Trail Report-the have agreed on a name and have agreed to meet next month. They are looking for people to sew authentic costumes for the event. The name will be Trail to a Nation.

The Board of Directors are now meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Museum.

A discussion was held about changing the dues. A recommendation was made by Ed Pfadt to keep them the same, seconded by Joan Mancuso and carried.

We were contacted by a company called Great Lakes Escape-Go Escape regional travel guide asking us to advertise. This cost of 1/8 of a page is \$750. This a digital booklet that is sold in the Great Lakes Region. They are involved with the Travel Channel and USA Today.

We are going to apply for a grant for Waterford Days and Trail to a Nation. The grants will give us 5% of the amount spent. We have reserved the American Legion for December 15th for our event. Brad Moore who works for Congressman Thompson will attend our February Board meeting to let us know if there is any other funding available.

Erin Green was going to see if she could give us some help in obtaining sponsors for events. She was unable to attend due to bad weather.

Joanne Lenart-Weary has confirmed that she and her committee will be having a pierogi take-out of March 9th. Orders must be made by March 3rd. Thanks to the American Legion for letting us use their kitchen.

We are working with Ruth Faulhaber to hold a Sip 'N Paint. She provides the boards and paints. You bring your own drinks and snacks.

Anita's book had sold extremely well. The first 100 sold out during Colonial Christmas. We ordered another 100 and about ½ are gone. While the Eagle Gift shop and the Museum is closed, the Library and the Waterford Pharmacy have them available for sale.

Joanne is updating our website. We will be adding a store to our website which will include our t-shirts, throws, growlers, books,

suncatchers and anything else specific to Waterford. Barb Rejzer has agreed to maintain the website store and mail out the items.

We need someone to maintain Washington Park. This includes weeding the planters, putting down mulch, cutting the grass and weed eating. They would also have to decorate at Christmas and take down the decorations. We would supply the tools.

We have sent letters out to bus companies re: tours. No response yet.

Officers were installed at the Board meeting.

We need a committee to forecast our needs for future grants. This would include getting the 3rd floor of the Eagle ready for use, fire escape stairs, a blockhouse for the Museum, a possible addition to the Judson house similar to what was torn off, getting heat and air to the second floor of the Eagle, signage, outside lighting and anything else this committee would think of. The committee would determine what we need, get costs, including architect fees, contractor costs, material etc. and then we can start applying for grants.

A call was received from the Adult Probation Manager asking about our needs. It appears we again will have their services to replace Gateway for our events. They are available to assist us with Waterford Days, building maintenance, yard work etc.

Judy is checking on a date to clean the chairs and tables at the Eagle prior to their opening. She has volunteers.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell, Secretary

Based on notes by Barb Rejzer