

Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society General Meeting

March 22, 2018

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

All members in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members introduced themselves, since we had some new members in attendance.

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

Kathy Williams presented the Financial Statement. We currently have \$41,600.42 in the general fund and \$41,063.42 in reserved savings. The account was left for audit.

Judson House-Marsha indicated that an inventory had been done of the Gift Shop. She indicated that Sandy Ward is willing to advise on the costumes. Judy indicated that we have a contractor who will look at the back porch when the weather breaks.

Eagle-Simonian Electric has finished the work required to make us State compliant on the boiler room. Tables and chairs have been cleaned and sliders were added. We need to look at finding an appropriate closure for the handicapped door. The floors have been cleaned. The Gift Shop is being reorganized. Thanks to all who helped with the cleaning and putting the Christmas items away on the 3rd floor.

Museum-Jim indicated that it has been a busy place. A dinner was held there for the homeowners who so kindly opened their houses to the public for our House Tours. The Flint Knappers meet there on a regular

basis. There were meetings for French Creek Archeological Society, French Creek Living History and the French Creek Living History. It is a well-used building.

Waterford Days-Kathy indicated that she still needs a lot of help. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Museum. There are plenty of small jobs that people can help with.

Waterford Days-Historical Society Campus-Judy indicated that we will be having book signings in the Judson House, a food truck outside and rescue animals on the lawn of the Judson House.

Pierogi report-Sandy Williams indicated that they made approx. \$1200. A huge thanks to all who helped.

Golf outing fund raiser is scheduled for August 11th. Ed has a call into the golf course to go over details, so we can begin selling holes, etc.

Tombstone cleaning-Bev Ballog indicated that the class will be held on May 5th. Cost is \$25.00. She has letters ready to be mailed. She is also establishing prices for just having the cleaning done, with mulching and flowers added.

Geo. Washington Trail-Judy and Jim met with representatives of the Erie Co. Historical Museum to determine if they had any suggestions for our December event. Their event coordinator would like to meet with us and offer any suggestions.

Sandy and Marsha attended the ECGRA presentation and we received a check for \$634.

Kathy and Jim meet with a woman representing 'Trapped in Time' an Escape Room that would be set up at the Museum and possibly the 3rd

floor of the Eagle. This would be a Fund Raiser. She has done this at other Historical locations and appears to have a following. We tabled the idea until the next meeting to get additional information.

The light for the Eagle has been ordered. To avoid paying \$75 shipping, Carol LaFlamme will make connections and pick it up and save us that cost.

Bob Catlin sent Judy a disc based on Herb Walden's writings. Joanne will proof-read it. We may soon have another book to publish.

Visit Erie books are here. Please take a copy.

The extra disc for accessioning is here which will help to get things entered in a more timely manner.

Smoke and Fire newspaper ran an ad re: re-enactors in their most recent edition and did not charge us.

We need someone, or multiple persons to groom, plant flowers, weed, and spread mulch at Washington Park.

Discussion was held re: the possibility of holding a short program prior to each meeting. No conclusion was made.

Kathy indicated that something needs to be done about the bank in alley behind the shed. When you back out you have very little room. This is something that will need to be discussed with the Boro.

Leon Briggs indicated that he is able to apply for a non-matching grant for \$2500 for the blacksmithing forge. A motion was made by Kathy, seconded by Jim and carried that he proceed with this. He also

indicated that he is willing to teach a basketmaking class, and a blacksmithing class as time allows.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim and seconded by Ed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell, Secretary