

Minutes of the January 23rd, 2020 General Meeting of the
Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Nelson.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were new members in attendance, so everyone introduced themselves.

Rita Russell read the minutes of the October meeting. They were approved as read. There is no regular meeting in November, and we do not meet in December, so there were no minutes for those months.

Cathy Krall presented the treasurers report. It was placed for audit. Judy reminded everyone that if they have a question on the report, she has a tablet on the front table to write your question on, and it will be answered at the next meeting. There had been some questions re: the Judson House receiving the proper financial credit for events that were held. We have a copy of the financial report showing that it was done. This matter is now closed.

Just a reminder, there is a program following the meeting. Please stay and enjoy the program!

Judson House-Heidi indicated that Christmas items are down, and cleaning is being done. She does need help with this. We voted at the November meeting to purchase blinds to protect our artifacts. Heidi and Joanne are working on this. The candlelight tours and the Ghost Walk in October netted \$282. This is split between the Judson House and the general fund.

Museum-Jim is still getting visitors due to the mild winter. Dick Ropp passed away and memorial donations were designated to the Museum.

Eagle Hotel-they are closed for their winter break. Christmas decorations from Colonial Christmas have been removed. Christmas trees need to be taken to the 3rd floor. We are in the process of contacting the lady who owns the Escape Room items to have them removed. When we decide to do that, we will set up our own. There is a leak somewhere on the 3rd floor. Jesse Fiske will look at it. The DAR had a picture of George Washington that as located at the Eagle and they have removed it. The person who had it on loan, asked to have it returned.

FLB Center-work will start soon on the balance of the walls and electrical work. The apartment is still for rent. The gift shop has been closed for inventory and reorganization. We will advertise the apartment availability. We will work on programs to use the town hall space.

Geo. Washington Park and Teaching Garden is trying to secure a grant to proceed with work there. Cindy is working on this.

Colonial Christmas made a profit of \$582.06 which was designated for the FLB Center. We were able to sell 78 wreaths this year.

Robert Burns Dinner is this Saturday, January 25.

Purse Bingo is February 8th at the American Legion.

Heritage Days is pretty well set. As always, we need volunteers at the park and the campus. See Cindy.

Thanks to Heidi for the newsletter. If we do not have your email, please let Heidi or Rita have it, it saves us money on postage. Heidi is also in charge of Facebook notices that we post. Kathy Williams and Joanne are website contacts. We really need someone to do marketing. Interested?? See Judy.

We did not apply for the last quarter grant from the boro, since our understanding was that because of the timing, and the fact it was for exterior work it would not have been of any use to us. We understand there is another 1st quarter grant to be awarded in April. They are also reworking the wording of the interior grant.

We all need to keep track of our volunteer hours, since it helps with applying for some of the grants.

There will be a budget meeting and events meeting on January 27th at 6 p.m. at the FLB Center.

There is some movement on the covered bridge. They may be prepared to release info soon.

We hope to have the new by-laws to present at the next meeting after the Board has approved them.

Judy read the will of Marion Moore for clarification. This concerns the \$40,000 in the reserve funds.

Insurance=Judy is working with our insurance carrier to get various quotes. She is getting quotes on both replacement and repair costs. When talking to PHMC he indicated he had the name of some other museum carriers. Judy will get those names and maybe they will be another option.

Jesse Fiske indicated that we could have the bricks that he is taking down at Joe's. He would have them placed at the back of the Eagle property. When the weather warms up, we could use the adult probation group to stack them on pallets. Cindy thought she could use them as a walkway in the teaching garden. A motion was made by Trish and seconded by Heidi that we accept the bricks. The motion was passed with one no vote.

It was decided that we should keep a wish list of items we need. Among those items, members at the meeting already had several of the items. We will update it regularly.

Dick Arthur indicated that he will be presenting programs on Geo. Washington at the Jefferson Society.

Trish made a motion to adjourn and Gene seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell, Secretary

Jim Edwards and Ed Pfadt presented the program about the article that appeared in the Smithsonian Magazine.