

Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society General Meeting
April 25, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Judy Nelson followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of new member Rob Yapple. Also introduced Diane Papesch who presented updated information and happenings at the Waterford Library. New mission statement, budget, availability, circulation, new materials, and many programs now offered. The F O W L group at the library has worked hard in assisting with programs and events. 1609 people have library cards and circulation has increased by 30%.
Flea market will be held in May at the Fire Dept. hall.

Financial reports were discussed at the board meeting earlier this month. If you have a question, please write it down on the tablet provided and it will be addressed at the next board meeting. At that time, report will be left for audit.

Minutes of last month's meeting were read with no questions or changes.

Treasurers Report - Cathy Krall gave report with no questions or concerns at this time. New event form is in place for chairpersons to fill out and are read at the next meeting. Questions on these reports will be addressed at that time, if no questions, report will be filed.

Judson House - The front foyer of the house is now the gift shop area. Heidi reported 17 reservations to date for the Lecture Luncheon this Saturday. Col Strong Vincent will also be at the luncheon. Marsha is getting the handiwork exhibit ready for opening on May 3, 4, and 5th. New sign for the Judson House designating it as a museum will be brought up for vote at the next meeting as we will have a price on it by then. The heavy equipment display for children is coming along. Sponsors so far include Humes, Robert Brace Farms, Bobcat of Erie, and Auto Express. Many pieces have been lined up so far to include Jeep, farm equipment, Skid steer, Mule, 4-wheeler, and dump truck. Still need a sponsor to supply kids with plastic contractor hats for the event. More information to follow.

Gene was thanked for his hard work scraping, patching and painting the back porch of the house that was previously repaired.

Eagle Hotel - The re-setting of the Escape Room on the 3rd floor has been discussed. Looking forward to having this event once a month and need volunteers to run it. Also need tour guide volunteers during the re-opening and during Waterford Heritage Days. Jan Smith McLaughlin's donation of original artwork will be displayed, and some pieces sold at the re-opening. The gift shop made \$400 the first weekend open. We are looking for ideas from the membership as to how to use the large area space behind the gift shop. We are also offering non-profits to have bake sales at the shop.
Kathy stated the shop is doing well, there is a lot more interest and sales have been better at the new building. She will be having a presentation at the building on May 14th at 6pm

with a 3-D set up of future floor plans. There are lots of possibilities and she is looking for ideas. There will be a question and answer period. All are welcome.

Museum - Blacksmith classes during March with 7 students attending. In spite of nasty weather, all stayed and finished the class. \$350 profit was made.

Building Report - Lowe's has been very generous in donating many items for projects. Washington Park has been cleaned up by local boy scouts, their leader and Cindy Kreider. Cindy also cleaned the area behind the museum and the Judson House. She has also agreed to take over planting at Washington Park and is getting a list of period plantings from the Toledo Zoo horticulture department and will compare it with Jim's list. The goal is to have a Certified Pollinator Garden. Jim and Leon have built flower boxes to start with. Kathy has been trying to get a plumber for the water issue and costs are high. For now, may still haul water to maintain plants until the Mission Main Street grant is received.

Soup Tasting event was successful with 6 vendors participating, Creekside's Tuscan soup won, and \$504.00 profit was made.

Pierogi Dinner - information was not available. A thank-you note from Sandy for all who participated was read by Marsha.

Cemetery Cleaning Class – (Sun., May 19) Ed still needs participants. Cost is \$25 and materials are furnished. Older veteran's graves will be done or as a service to any others one who wants their stone cleaned.

Waterford Days – Program of events was read to include tours, candlelight tours, public market, demonstrations, exhibits, and haunted historical walk to name a few.

We are selling sponsorships for the Steves/Stubbe Golf Outing (Aug 17) We need to sell the \$10 sponsorships. If you purchase your sponsorship before June 1st, you get an extra ticket towards the \$100 Visa gift card drawing. See Cathy Krall for tickets.

Act 33 and 34 clearance was discussed. Anyone who gives tours with children under 18 years of age is required by law to have clearance. There is no charge for clearances. Heidi will be at the Judson House after the meeting to assist with getting clearances.

A 350 lb., 3-foot lawn roller has been purchased for \$171 as there was an immediate need to repair the Judson House lawn for safety reasons. Please do not park on the lawn until it dries out to avoid more damage.

Helpers are needed to mow grass behind the museums and also for tour guide training.

A recommendation was made to take out an ad in the Waterford Fair Book. Judy is working on an ad exchange. More to follow.

We will have a presentation to include questions and answers by Kathy Williams at the next meeting regarding the Adeline building purchase and will vote on it. Current paid up members will vote by secret ballot. Votes will be counted by the parliamentarian that night. Members in good standing will receive a reminder call for the next meeting May 23rd.

Jim attended an Erie Yesterday gathering and explained we are really blessed to have our present facilities and good teamwork. Many others have very little.

Need people to make a dessert to be shared before the meetings begin. If you are able please sign up.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim, seconded by Heidi.

Respectfully Submitted.

Andrea Simcheck

