

Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society General Meeting
June 27, 2019

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

Minutes of the May 23rd meeting were read and accepted with no changes or corrections. Thank you to Rita for covering for Andrea.

Judy gave the treasurer's report as Cathy is out of town. Current bills and expenses were reviewed as well as all income and memorial funds.

Judson House - The paranormal event held last weekend netted \$480. It is noted they approached us to have the event. Thank you to Heidi for organizing it and Trish for assisting. They will also be having a large bake sale for Waterford Days. If anyone would like to donate baked goods, let Heidi know. On Saturday during Waterford Days, there will be a large heavy equipment display for kids. Bobcat of Erie is handing out yellow construction hard hats with stickers on them to the first 100 kids.

There will be a candlelight tour of the house on Friday and Saturday at 8 pm and on Saturday night only a haunted historical night walk at 8:30.

Al's Appliance is loaning us a freezer for ice cream and other goodies to be sold.

Thatcher Baney will be the seller. He could use some help, let Judy know.

Waterford Lioness Club presented a check for \$500 to the Judson House.

Museum - Going well. We have permission to block off 1st Street alley for Waterford Days. Leon will be having a forging demo that weekend and Jim Bolla will have a mock encampment out front. There will also be inside exhibits.

Eagle Hotel – Joan Mancuso and her friend will be inside giving tours both Saturday and Sunday. We will be playing the “Our Town” CD made by WQLN featuring Waterford in the old gift shop room. Need someone to assist with set-up.

Teaching Garden / Washington Park – There were water problems along 1st Street Alley and the Borough has installed a waterline and meter for us at no charge. Their prior bid from Waterford Municipal Authority was \$2200. Need to send a thank you note for this service. Park will be decorated for Waterford Days.

Waterford Days - Ad booklets are now available and have been distributed. Thank you to the girls working on the event. They have done a wonderful job. We have about the same number of crafters as last year. Advertising update given by Judy. Bifold brochures have also been printed and folded and will be available throughout the event at the information booth.

Barb Rejzer has volunteered to man the Sweet Sara's trailer at the park and will need some help.

Lathrop electric has agreed to do the electrical work in the park at a greatly reduced rate. We have orange marking paint and caution tape on hand. We are ordering small signs to put in the center of the round-about and in front of our buildings.

Tombstone Cleaning – Class will be held June 30th from 1 – 4pm. See Ed if you know of anyone wanting to take a class.

Golf Outing - Still selling sponsorships. Waterford Pizza and More will be donating pizza and water again this year for the 9th hole. (Aug 17th Union City Co Club)

Purse Bingo - September 14th at American Legion. Will need lots of help. Please let Judy, Cathy Krall or Kathy Williams know if you can help.

These numerous events are necessary to keep up with rising costs. The building insurance has gone up substantially from last year and does not include the new Heritage Center. We are still working on finding something more reasonable than \$9729.

Heritage Building - We are selling spaces during Heritage Days to vendors that do not qualify to be in the park and will be selling cotton candy, golf sponsorship tickets, Boscov's coupons, and membership foursome registrations. Need people to help, let Judy know.

We are also in the process of furnishing our lender with the information they wanted and will take approximately 45 days to process. They will schedule an appraisal before any commitment is made.

Paperwork has been submitted for the Mission Main Street Grant that we voted on. Deadline was 7/19 and we should hear from them in September.

Heidi can assist anyone who still needs help getting clearances done online. If you already have one, please bring in a copy. They are required when dealing with groups of children.

Recommendation for the name The Fort LeBoeuf Heritage Center was made by the board for the new building. Motion made by Heidi, seconded by Beth. Motion carried. Cost is approximately \$70.00 for the application and has to be advertised.

We are looking into the possibility of having our electric and gas bills reduced and meeting with them next week. Information to follow.

JoAnne has been doing Webinar presentations on Facebook every two weeks with great results. 484 people viewed the guided home tour of the Ward home on this week's Webinar.

Members were reminded there are no meetings in July. There will be a board meeting in August, but regular meeting will be our annual picnic on August 22nd at 6pm at the parking area of the Museum. The Briggs had considerable damage from the hailstorm and did not know if their house would be ready.

Ham, drinks, paper plates and plastic silverware will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

Other business: Anyone who uses Amazon may go to Smile.Amazon at the end of their order designate a percentage of sale to come back to us.

GECAC was contacted regarding 20 hour/wk employment and people have already applied. They must complete 20 hrs per week and meet guidelines.

Motion to adjourn made by Gene, seconded by Heidi.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Simcheck