

Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society

March 23, 2017

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

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kathy Williams presented the Financial Statement. We currently have \$38,082.05 in our regular account and \$40,823.43 in our reserved savings. It will be placed for audit.

Judson House-Marsha indicated that they have scraped, scrubbed and painted the kitchen that will be used as the TeaPot Shop. They discovered ShipLap siding underneath which adds to the decor. They are planning a Victorian Tea for May 7th.

Museum-Jim indicated that the stockade wall is finished. He continues to have group meetings here including the French Creek Archaeological Society, Flint Knappers, French Creek Living History and Dan Ward's Group. Verify rented the group again in March. There was a tour of teacher's that Sean Humphrey's had arranged and also a group from the Gertrude Barber Center.

Eagle-Kathy indicated that the problem with the door closure on the handicapped door has been corrected. The new toilet on the second floor needs to be repaired or replaced. We need a runner or mat leading into the dining room just past the cashier. We will be replacing the lock on the rear door. We need to have the storage area on the 3rd floor looked at re: moisture.

Gift shops-the inventory at the Museum is complete. The Eagle is $\frac{3}{4}$ done.

George Washington Park-we hope to get the water line installed this year. Hopefully a grant will be available. Jim and Kathy will measure everything once the weather improves.

Waterford Days-Kathy indicated that all of the Craft Vendor applications have been sent out and are also on-line. All ad's have been mailed.

The Historical Society has decided to have a food truck behind the Judson House for the Car Show rather than have our people provide the food. Voodoo Brewery is going to bring their food truck. They had asked if they could bring their beer truck, but the Board indicated that we felt we did not want that. They will just bring the food truck. They will pay a percentage of sales to the Historical Society.

Amazing Historical Race-this will be held the week-end of October 14th and 15th in conjunction with the Union City and Corry Historical Society's. Each Society will have 7 sites for people to visit. On Sunday the event will end at the Waterford American Legion. They are providing the facility and some food for those who attend. A prize will be drawn at that time. If you went to all 21 sites you will win \$100. If you did not complete all 21 you will win \$75.

A pierogi dinner is being held on April 29th to benefit the Historical Society. Once again, the American Legion has stepped up and is allowing us to use their facility. We will be making the pierogi's on the 27th and possibly the 28th. All order's must be placed in advance. You can eat in, or take out, or you can order a dozen.

We have purchased plastic holders to be placed on each table at Sugar 'N Spice that will announce our events. Mike was willing to allow us to do this.

A big thanks to French Creek Living History for their donation of \$300. Thanks to Jim Edwards and Patrick Jenks they were able to finish the stockade wall with this money.

Ed Pfadt has been looking for grants that we might be able to apply for.

There is a meeting in Zelienople on March 29 re: the George Washington Trail. Judy will be attending. She is hoping to have someone from the Boro attend.

We want to have some special activities for our opening in May.

We are always looking for tour guides, gift shop workers and general help. If there is something you are interested in doing, but don't know if we have a need, just ask.

We would like to expand our historical information on the third floor at the Eagle. We have 2 rooms that are currently being used by the DAR and the Grange. Since the Grange has joined the Edinboro Grange we have talked to Verel Salmon re: that room. They have not maintained that room like the DAR. After a meeting with Mr. Salmon we will decide what is to be done.

We would like to have a school display in the school room w/the room being updated on a regular basis. In one of the other areas we would like to display information dedicated to Waterford/Heritage Days. We would ask for items that anyone has that could be donated. We received a donation from Mr. Wethli from AI's Appliance of the special one day cancelled envelopes and the stamps that were used to do this.

Our Town Waterford will be shown on April 6th on WQLN.

We have applied for a grant for the repair of the foundation of the Judson House. It will be about 5 months before we have an answer.

Jack discussed the artifacts in the basement of the Judson House. He will look into the value of the windows. The basement does need to be cleaned and if anyone has shelving we would appreciate a donation.

We talked about the Saturday morning chats that we tried in the past. At this point we will eliminate them.

We are rewriting our accession forms and add another line which will state that the item/items are on permanent loan until the presenters death, at which time it would become a gift.

A motion to adjourn was made by Zona and seconded by Jack. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell, Secretary