

Minutes of Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society

May 25, 2017

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

All members in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kathy Williams presented the Treasurer's report. We currently have a balance of \$34,956.64. There is also a balance of \$40,860.31 in the reserved savings. The report will be placed for audit.

A moment of silence was held for Liz Burns one of our founding members who had passed away.

Ed Pfadt presented the information to the members re: changing the by-laws to remove the sentence re: "officers shall serve no more than four (4) consecutive terms in the same office.". He handed out paper ballots for the vote.

The tree on the side of Judson House had to be removed. A large branch had already fallen and it needed to be removed and the stump needed to be ground. We received four quotes ranging from \$750 from Jefferson Tree Service to \$1625. Because it was deemed to be a safety hazard we accepted the one from Jefferson and the work has been completed.

Judson House-Marsha indicated that they held the Victorian Tea on May 7th and made a profit of about \$210. They have had multiple school tours. There is a Red Hatter's Tea scheduled for June. The Pierogi Dinner made a profit of about \$950.

Museum-Jim indicated that he has also had the same school tours. They have received a 1778 map from Jack Mathay. They also received a French Trader's Gun.

Eagle Report-there continues to be problems with the Air Conditioning. We received a quote from LeBoeuf Industries. We received one 'no quote' and are attempting to get another quote. We will try to get a grant for a portion of this. The toilet on the second floor continues to be a problem. Teaching Garden-L.M. Wander is helping with the design.

Waterford Days-Kathy indicated that the program book is almost ready to go to the printer. We are still looking for crafters.

Washington Trail Report-another meeting is coming up in Zelionople.

We now have a new member packet that includes a copy of the by-laws, and a letter showing events and their membership card.

The Board discussed the newsletter and decided we would only have it issued twice yearly. Our monthly meeting minutes are posted on the website. This will save about \$25.00 in postage on the ones that we mail.

There is another ECGRA grant coming available. We will apply for it for the rest of the foundation work at the Judson House and also include the electrical work at the Eagle. The grant application is due in July, to be paid in September.

Special thanks to two of our local organizations. The American Legion gave us \$3,000, \$2,000 for the Judson House foundation and \$1,000 for the teaching garden and the Lion's Club gave us \$2,000 for the teaching garden.

Boscov's, the new store going into the old Sear's building indicates it has fundraising ideas. We will have to wait and see what they entail.

Heidi Longstreet is putting accession numbers into the computer. She will be happy to teach anyone interested in learning.

We are happy to report that the memorial bench for Ed Orris will be on the Judson House Grounds and out of Zona's garage.

Ed Pfadt is working on applying for a National Historic Landmark status for our campus. It appears to be a 2 to 6 year process, but is certainly worth looking into. He has also found several other grants that he looking into.

Ed read the results of the vote re: the by-laws. There were 19 affirmative votes to remove the sentence re: terms of offices and 6 negative. The sentence re: the number of consecutive terms of offices will be removed from the by-laws.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gene and seconded by Marilyn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell, Secretary