

## Minutes of the Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society General Meeting

October 26, 2017

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

All those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kathy Williams was not feeling well, so we did not have a financial statement.

Judson House-Marsha indicated that the Witch's Tea went well. They will leave the decorations up until the Paranormal Group is done on Saturday and then begin decorating for Christmas. The Tea Pot Shop sold some items during the Witch's Tea. There has been some discussion re: closing the Judson House in 2018 due to lack of people available for tours. At this point we will consider being open on Saturday's. Jim indicated that the ramp has been painted and insulation blankets were placed on the pipes in the basement.

Museum-Jim indicated that there have several groups using the building for meetings including Dan Ward's Music Group and the French Creek Archaeological Group. There have been about 70 people in the past month and donations are about \$300.

Eagle-the final bill for the AC unit was paid to LeBoeuf Industries. However, we discovered that they took out the heating unit when the AC unit was installed. This was normally turned on, prior to having to turn on the boiler system. We are getting quotes to replace this. When the street was closed due to the damage to the building next door,

there was a light pole knocked down. The wires have been covered, however it is dark in the parking lot. We should probably address this.

Witches Tea-there were 57 people in the attendance at the 3 sessions.

Amazing Race-we netted a profit of \$37.50, but from the people who participated, they all enjoyed it.

Tombstone Cleaning-Ed Pfadt indicated that it went well. There were 9 people who paid to complete the course. He had certificates to present to those that completed the course. They would like to offer it again prior to Memorial Day.

House tours-Sandy said decorating has begun. She had tickets and brochures available. Advance tickets are \$15. \$20 the day of the tour.

Colonial Christmas-a meeting will be held at the Museum at 7 on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Historical Society will be selling wreaths for \$25.

Judy is still looking into the information re: the binders that were found at the Hagen History Center. She contacted David Morrison and he will look to see if he has any information.

Nominations for officers for 2018 were taken: It was announced that everyone needed to be aware that if there were none, that this was the final year that the current Board was going to serve. There were no nominations from the floor.

The following is the slate of officers for 2018:

President-Judy Nelson

Vice President-Jim Edwards

Treasurer-Kathy Williams

Secretary-Rita Russell

Corresponding Secretary-Zona Miller

Nominations closed.

The Board had made a recommendation that we pursue a grant to have a mural of the painting of Geo. Washington at Fort LeBoeuf that was done by John Buxton. It was too late for the grant, so we will not pursue now. There is a possibility that it could be done at another time, and we will bring it to the membership at that time.

A recommendation was made that we update the sign at the Judson House to include the word 'Museum'. Also indicate that it is the location of the original fort and the date it was built. A motion was made by Audrey, seconded by Jack and carried.

Our November meeting is normally held a week early due to Thanksgiving. Due to pre-house tours for those participating in them a motion was made by the Board that we move our November meeting for this year only to November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. This will be held at Sugar 'N Spice. A motion to do so was made by Sandy and seconded by Jack. Motion carried.

Anita Palmer has finished her book and it has been proof read by Joanne Lenart-Weary. All profits will go to the Historical Society. She preferred that Mischling be the printer since that specialize in this type of book. We would like to order 100 books at \$14.35 each plus shipping. We would then sell them for \$30.00. Local members would get a 10% discount. We would like to have them available for Colonial

Christmas for a book signing. The Library would also sell them for us and we would give them \$3.00 for each one sold. A motion to order the books was made by Sandy and seconded by Gene.

Washington Trail-Congressman Kelly is to introduce this to Congress in November. Brad Moore who works for Congressman Kelly has asked to meet with the Board in December. Thanks to Dan Pearce for taking on the responsibility of being our liaison on the Geo. Washington Trail committee.

Judy and Jim attended a Heritage Cultural Seminar. They discussed historic districts. After the newly elected borough council is elected she will have Bill Callahan come to one of their meetings to answer questions.

We have received our ECGRA check. LeBoeuf Industries would like to give us a quote on repairing the floor at the Judson House.

Judy is going to have surgery after the first of the year. The VP will be running the meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Russell, Secretary

