

Kaukauna Area Historical Society

August 29, 2005 Meeting

Meeting at 6:30 PM on August 29, 2005

A number of interested people meet with Tom McKay Director of the Office of Local History of the State of Wisconsin in the Konapot Room at Kaukauna City Hall.

Mr. McKay explained the process of organizing a local history society for the Kaukauna area. The process may be a little more difficult because Mr. McKay will be retiring at the end of October and the State has not determined how this office will operate after his retirement.

The first step is a vote to start a historical society. The next step is to elect a temporary chairperson and a temporary secretary.

Motion by Julie Coenen to create a Kaukauna Area Historical Society. Motion was seconded by Alice Dalton. Motion carried.

Motion by Leo Driessen to nominate Craig Lahm as Temporary Chairman. Seconded by Tom McGinnis. Motion carried.

Motion by Alice Dalton to nominate Diane Wittman as Temporary Secretary. Seconded by Tom McGinnis. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Temporary Recording Secretary

Diane Wittman

Kaukauna Area Historical Society

Minutes

January 25, 2006

KAHS Temporary President Lahm called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Wednesday January 25, 2006.

Everyone in attendance signed-in and introduced themselves.

Motion by Tom Verhagen, seconded by Kevin Cox to approve the proposed Bylaws and the Board of Directors.

The Bylaws will be printed and available to all members for at the February meeting.

The Board of Directors for the KAHS will be:

One-year term:

Helen Van Epern

Carol Van Boxtel-Vice President

Jerry Kroll

Two-year term

Tom McGinnis

Harvey Kandler

Julie Coenen

Three-year term

Craig Lahm-President

Diane Wittman-Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Severson

President Lahm reported

We need to register and file incorporation documents with the State of Wisconsin. A lawyer at the McCarty, Curry, Wydeven, Peeters and Haak law firm has agreed to prepare these documents at no charge

The library has received four emails from all over the nation and one from Belgium on its web site.

Letters from veterans have been posted on the KAHS web page. www.kaukaunahistory.org

We will be looking for volunteers help document oral stories of people growing up in Kaukauna using a digital recorder

The KAHS will be selling a booklet "Walking Tour of Old Kaukauna" and "Glimpses of Old Kaukauna" note cards

It is intended KAHS will be self-sufficient and will not be a part of the City of Kaukauna

The Grignon Home, the Blacksmith shop and the canal may be part of the KAHS in the future

President Lahm talked about the items on display from the Kaukauna Public Library Local History Collection.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted

Diane Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society

Minutes

February 15, 2006

Vice President Carol Van Boxtel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 15, 2006. Fourteen interested people attended.

Motion by Ed Oliva, seconded by Jerry Kroll to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2006 meeting.

Carol discussed the Oral History Project. Julie Coenen will be the chairperson. She will be looking for people to tell their memories and volunteers to record them using a digital recorder.

A draft of the Bylaws for the Kaukauna Area Historical Society was distributed. Members were asked to look them over and they will be voted on at the March meeting.

The March meeting will be held in the Local History Room of the Kaukauna Public Library on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:30 PM. Craig Lahm will demonstrate the KAHS webpage.

Carol discussed some old photos she received from someone who had purchased an old photo album which contained the photos. When the purchaser learned the photos were from Kaukauna he sent them to the Fox Valley Genealogy Society, who gave them to Carol. Carol asked that anyone who had or knew of someone who had old photos or postcards if they would consider donating them to the library or allowing the library to copy them.

Future programs were discussed.

A Volunteer Project Survey was distributed and members were encouraged to help out if they can.

Motion by John Hungerford, seconded by Ed Oliva to close the business meeting.

Presentation about Henry Frambach, Kaukauna's first mayor and prominent business man who built a flour mill, a paper mill and a saw mill in Kaukauna by Tom Duescher, Great-Great Nephew of Henry Frambach.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Wittman

Secretary-Treasurer

Kaukauna Area Historical Society

Minutes

March 15, 2006

President Craig Lahm called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 15, 2006. Twenty-one interested people attended.

President Lahm reported the Board is in the process of applying for a tax exempt number.

Motion by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Mike McCormick to accept the Bylaws of the KAHS as presented.

President Lahm asked members to send him an email so the KAHS will have each member's email address.

President Lahm demonstrated the KAHS web page and the Kaukauna Public Library web page.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Wittman

Secretary-Treasurer

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – Minutes - April 12, 2006

The meeting of KAHS was called to order by President Craig Lahm at 6:30 PM on Wednesday April 12, 2006.

Board members in attendance, Julie Coenen, Tom Duescher, Rev. Harvey Kandler, Craig Lahm, Tom McGinnis, Jim Severson, Carol Van Boxtel, Rebecca Welhouse and Diane Wittman.

President Lahm reported on the Oral History Project that he and Julie Coenen have been working on. So far they have recorded stories with Robert Knapp, Shirley Hurst and Lorenz "Corn" Mayer. President Lahm thanked Julie for all her work.

Future KAHS Board meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the Local History Room at the Kaukauna Public Library.

Jerry Kroll is working on scanning the library's photo collection so the photos can be placed in the Past Perfect software program.

Tom Duescher has agreed to be Webmaster for the KAHS. The work he has completed on the website so far is awesome.

We would like to try to sell "Glimpses of Kaukauna" and "A Walking Tour of Kaukauna" booklets on our website. Back in the 1980's Tom McGinnis while employed at Thilmany produced a book "A Little Ways Ahead" and Craig was told they still have copies stored. If possible we would like to get access to those books and sell them on the website.

We will contact the State Historical Society and local historical societies with our web address.

Tom Duescher will contact Paul West to try to get a CD of photos of cemetery stones at Holy Cross. Carol offered to work on transcribing the information since we have been told the transcription was discarded. Tom McGinnis will check on the information from St. Mary's cemetery. There was some discussion that the Green Bay Diocese is considering changing the amount of cemetery information released to the public.

Rebecca Welhouse, Newsletter Co-editor asked about the Board's expectations for the newsletter. The newsletter will contain special interest articles, information from the web site, contributions from the membership and follow-up of photo identification. We will encourage members to contribute to the newsletter. Rev. Kandler mentioned he is a member of the Sheboygan Historical Society and their newsletter always contains one upcoming event and one historical item.

President Lahm discussed an offer to KAHS from the OCHS. OCHS is offering to rent the blacksmith shop at the Grignon Home to KAHS for \$1. David Day, the blacksmith at the Grignon Home has funds, work materials and volunteers to run the shop. Items produced in the blacksmith shop could be sold with proceeds to go to KAHS. Last year David Day gave three workshops on blacksmithing which brought in approximately \$800 to \$1,000.

Tom McGinnis noted that the city donated city employee time to help construct the blacksmith shop.

The OCHS would like to have the Blacksmith Shop open when the Grignon Home is open which is Friday from 12-4 and Sunday 12-4 during the summer months.

Craig checked into the cost of liability insurance and it was suggested that OCHS add the KAHS to their liability insurance policy.

There will be a modest charge for electricity and marketing costs.

Motion by Rev. Kandler, seconded by Julie Coenen to proceed with the rental. Motion carried unanimously.

President Lahm will prepare a "Statement of Understanding" with the OCHS.

The KAHS has some items from the John Lawe house stored in Dick & Helen Van Epern's barn. These items need to be removed because the barn is being razed.

Motion by Julie Coenen, seconded by Rev Kandler to find a place to store these items and keep them. Motion carried unanimously.

President Lahm will talk to Jim Cops and ask if they can be stored in their building.

Kaukauna Utilities is considering a Museum of Hydropower. The Utility has lots of paper history which at some point they would like to catalog.

President Lahm asked for help in planning general meetings. It mentioned that according to our by-laws we will skip meetings during the months of July and December.

We will check into the possibility of holding our meetings in the meeting room at St. Paul Home instead of the Konkapot Room at City Hall.

The May meeting will be the annual meeting of the KAHS and we will also have photos to identify.

We may want to have the digital recorder at the monthly meetings to record stories told by members.

We may be able to get Don Swetz to discuss the development of the canal since he was involved in a book project regarding that issue.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday May 10th and the next KAHS meeting will be May 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM

Diane M. Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.
Board Meeting – Minutes - May 10, 2006

The meeting of KAHS was called to order by President Craig Lahm at 6:33 PM on Wednesday May 10, 2006.

Board members in attendance, Julie Coenen, Tom Duescher, Craig Lahm, Tom McGinnis, Carol Van Boxtel, Rebecca Welhouse, J. Kroll and Diane Wittman.

Motion by Julie Coenen, seconded by Jerry Kroll to accept the minutes of the April meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

President Lahm reported on the Blacksmith Shop agreement with the Outagamie Historical Society. At this time the agreement is being reviewed by the Outagamie County Historical Society attorneys.

The Board discussed the 2006 Plan. One goal would be to have thirty individual and ten family memberships.

The summer newsletter will be the last newsletter that is sent to everyone on our list. The fall newsletter will be mailed to paid memberships only.

Craig Lahm, Julie Coenen and Jim Severson will get together to talk about the Oral History Program.

Rebecca Welhouse will try to transcribe the oral histories. Maybe we can apply for a grant from the KEEN Foundation for a digital transcription device.

Don Kessler may be able to help us with translating the German newspapers.

Tom Duescher will investigate how we would get the Kaukauna Times into www.newspaper.archives.com

Tom reported the KAHS web site is receiving 20 to 25 hits per day.

There are 5,000 to 6,000 photos from St. Mary's and Holy Cross cemeteries. We need someone with keyboarding skills to work on this project.

In the fall newsletter we will ask for volunteers to maintain the historic markers in the City.

Carol Van Boxtel will talk to the newspaper about our military letters she has collected.

David Day spoke to the Board about the Andrew Rose Blacksmith Shop at the Grignon Home.

Motion by Carol Van Boxtel, seconded by Tom McGinnis to approve the 2006 KAHS budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Jerry Kroll to send Kaukauna schools, nursing homes and the oral history participants a newsletter at no charge. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Coenen suggested we get the school involved in a local history project.

Schedule of KAHS Meetings

May 17	Konkapot Room Kaukauna City Hall	Identify Photos & Election of Officers
June 21	Saint Paul Home	Tom Duescher
July	No Meeting	
August		
September	Saint Paul Home	Identify Photos

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Diane M. Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – June 14, 2006

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:30 PM on Wednesday June 14, 2006

Board members in attendance, Julie Coenen, Tom Duescher, Rev. Harvey Kandler, Craig Lahm, Tom McGinnis, Jim Severson, Carol Van Boxtel, Rebecca Welhouse and guest, Jay Wilpolt.

Craig Lahm distributed the KAHS brochure. Board recommended making the flyer available at the KHS reunion. Craig will ask Giovana Feller to take KHS and Storytelling Program brochures to the reunion.

Craig Lahm reviewed the Society's mission – to collect and disseminate historical information of the Kaukauna area. Based on our mission statement, the Society will decline assisting in operating the Blacksmith Shop at the Grignon Home or assisting with the Hollandtown Schut. The Society doesn't have liability coverage for either event, but is willing to help promote and publicize the events.

Board approved letters Craig Lahm will send to Terry Bergen, Executive Director, OCHS and Gerry Vander Loop declining any formal, legal connection for the Blacksmith Shop and the Hollandtown Schut.

Julie Coenen updated members on the oral Storytelling Program. To date the Kings, Agnes Van Treeck, Red Vanevenhoven, Rinert Wenzel, Lorenz (Corn) Mayer, Shirley Hurst, Bob Knapp, and Margaret Schroeder have taped their stories. As news of the program spreads, the list of interested residents is growing. Discussed sending Thank You letters to the residents taping. Julie Coenen and President Lahm will develop a letter and procedure for sending.

Craig Lahm received a request from the Town of Kaukauna Historical Society to use the KAHS tax-exempt number. Craig will send a letter stating that the Society hasn't received their tax exempt number yet and due to liability are not able to extend it beyond KAHS. The Society is willing to publicly support the Town of Kaukauna Historical Society.

Tom Duescher stated that most of the area cemeteries are on the web site, along with the tombstones from Holy Cross and St. Mary's. Volunteers are needed to recheck and verify accuracy. Tom has developed a form for volunteers. It includes cemetery, image No., name, birth, death, notes, and maiden name. He will divide the gravesites into plats of 500. Cemeteries include St. Mary's, Holy Cross, Union, Kelso, Trinity Lutheran and possibly St. Francis, Hollandtown. Jay Wilpolt recommended flagging stones requiring repair and possibly asking descendants to contribute for repairs. Volunteers will note stones requiring repairs.

Carol Van Boxtel and Jim Severson will update the 1960's list of City street names and why the name was chosen. They will develop a list of historical names that developers could use, if desired.

Craig Lahm received an E-mail requesting information on the Outagamie Rural Normal School. The Kaukauna Library has some material. Carol Van Boxtel stated that the Rural Normal School notes through 1926 from the Kaukauna Times are listed on the library newspaper website. Discussed writing up the school's history as a future project.

Discussed projects to help teach younger children about the history of Kaukauna. Craig Lahm will invite several grade school teachers to future board meeting for input on this project.

The next board meeting will be July 12 and the next KAHS meeting will be August 16.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Carol Van Boxtel

Acting Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – July 12, 2006

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:30 PM on Wednesday July 12, 2006.

Board members in attendance, Julie Coenen, Craig Lahm, Jim Severson, Carol Van Boxtel, and Rebecca Welhouse.

Motion by Julie Coenen, second by Jim Severson to accept the May 10 and June 14 Board minutes and May 17 KAHS minutes with the spelling correction of Coonen to Coenen on May 17 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Lahm reported that the tax- exempt status for the Society is still on hold.

Carol Van Boxtel stated that as of July 7 KAHS has a checking account balance of \$803. There are currently 45 single memberships at \$12 and 17 family memberships at \$20 for a total of \$880 and miscellaneous income of \$11. Expenses were postage of \$78 and FOCAL for \$10 to pay for our domain site.

Craig Lahm applied for a sellers permit for the Society. Cost is \$30. This allows the Society to sell books and other items on the web site. Craig made a motion to provide a 30% discount for paid members. Motion second by Julie Coenen. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Lahm reported that the blacksmith, David Day, will conduct a workshop Saturday, August 5 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM on The Basics of Blacksmithing. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch. Workshop is limited to eight participants. KAHS will coordinate the publicity.

Julie Coenen reported that the Storytelling Program still has a list of interested persons to interview. She has interviewed Mr. & Mrs. King. Several Society members are interested in helping. Currently have only one tape recorder. Motion made by Carol Van Boxtel, second by Jim Severson to purchase a second tape recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Lahm reported that he is developing a thank you letter, which will be sent out to all Storytelling participants within one month.

Jim Severson stated that he and Tom Duescher photographed the tombstones at Kelso Cemetery. Tom has downloaded the pictures onto the KAHS website. Union Cemetery is next. St. Mary's and Holy Cross Cemeteries are almost complete. Not sure what form is needed to provide information for searching by name. Will ask Tom Duescher to report at next meeting.

Craig Lahm reported that Jerry Kroll has re-indexed the 1600 plus unidentified photo collection at the library. Many of the photos were identified by members and from the newsletter. Next step is to scan and enter additional boxes of identified photos into the library's Past Perfect Museum computer program.

Carol Van Boxtel and Jim Severson reported that they have identified Kaukauna Streets not listed in the last Street update booklet. Jim will contact developers and document why the street names were picked. Carol is working on a historical list of names, which developers could use for future street names. Projected completion date is December.

Craig Lahm stated that Mrs. Kay Byrnes from Lakeland, MN, sent an old weather vane to the library. The vane originally was mounted on top of one of the railroad buildings years ago, when her husband, James, dad worked for the railroad in Kaukauna.

Jim Severson displayed a bucket of clay he gathered while canoeing on the Fox River across from Thilmany's by the clay banks. He explained how the Indians camping on the south side of Kaukauna frequented this area to gather clay for making pottery. He demonstrated how pliable the clay molded. He molded a nice dish of chocolate ice cream.

Craig Lahm will contact a Professor of archeology for a future program on archeology diggings. The Board also recommended contacting Ron Vander Velden and Carl Johnson to present a program on local history.

Craig Lahm reported that the Haen Room is not available on the third Wednesday of the month for the KAHS meeting. Members prefer to meet at the St. Paul Home and recommended that Craig check if the first or second Wednesday is available and change the date of the general meeting. Craig will check into the availability of the Haen room at the St. Paul Home.

The next Board meeting will be August 9, 2006

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Carol Van Boxtel

Acting Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

General Meeting – August 9, 2006

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:40 PM on Wednesday August 9, 2006 in the Haen Room at St. Paul Home.

President Lahm reported that we now have a Seller's Permit.

Jerry Kroll has scanned all the unidentified historical pictures at the library and he is now researching the history of girl's basketball in Kaukauna. If we give this information to the Kaukauna Girls Basketball Team they will give us a free ad in their yearbook

Craig reported on the blacksmithing workshop presented by David Day. David gave the KAHS \$38 to reimburse KAHS for the postage costs to send out the flyers promoting the workshop.

Barb Edmonson is willing to scan slides and to add pictures to the oral histories.

The next general meeting will be September 13, 2006

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Diane Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – August 16, 2006

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:30 PM on Wednesday August 16, 2006.

Board members in attendance, Julie Coenen, Craig Lahm, Jim Severson, Carol Van Boxtel, Tom McGinnis, Tom Duescher, Jerry Kroll, Rebecca Welhouse, Helen Van Epern and Diane Wittman. Rev. Kandler was excused.

Motion by Jim, seconded by Carol to approve the minutes of the July Board Meeting.

Secretary/ Treasurer Wittman reported there are currently 49 single paid memberships and 18 paid family memberships. We currently have \$827 in the checkbook.

President Lahm reported that we now have a Seller's Permit. So KAHS can now legally make sales and pay the sales tax to the State.

Blacksmith Shop. David Day had six participants in his blacksmithing workshop and one person who audited the workshop. He collected \$200. He has donated \$50 to the Outagamie Historical Society and \$50 to KAHS. The remaining money he will use to cover expenses. The \$50 he gave to KAHS will be used to purchase a membership for David Day and to cover the postal costs incurred by KAHS to notify the KAHS members of the event.

David would like to do a 2 day workshop possibly in the fall.

Oral histories are going very well. We have forty five people on the list who are interested in doing an oral history. We want to be sure to send everyone who agrees to do the oral history a thank you letter soon after. Everyone who does an oral history will get a copy of the interview.

Craig and Carol will work on the thank you letter this week.

We would like to generate an interest in history for young people. We will work with the school system on this. The Sun Prairie School Booklet was discussed.

Tom Duescher reported on the Niagara Historical Society stories on their web site. He suggested that members look at these stories.

President Lahm reported on an anonymous donation of \$1,025 to be donated to preserve the Town of Kaukauna Town Hall. At the Town Meeting a motion was made and passed to demolish the building. It has been mentioned that one member of the Town would like to resend his motion. Helen will keep us informed.

Cemetery Update. Tom Duescher will teach volunteers how to work on updating the cemetery lists. Carol and Craig will contact the people who have been interest in working on this project. Kelso, Holy Cross and St. Mary's have not been cross-checked.

Jerry Kroll suggested we also work on the cemetery near High Cliff.

It was suggested every six months to one year we update the cemetery records.

Tom Duescher reported on the hits on the KAHS web site.

April	57
May	1097
June	1804
July	1913
August	742 (½ month)

These figures are three times higher than his other sites.

Newsletter. We will no longer send free newsletters to everyone on the list. Diane will purge the list of anyone who is not a paid member. We will continue to send a newsletter to the area nursing homes and anyone who did an oral history will receive the next newsletter at no charge.

Motion by Julie Coenen, seconded by Tom McGinnis to charge \$1.00 to anyone requesting a newsletter. Newsletters are sent to all KAHS members at no charge as part of their membership.

Girl's Basketball Team. The Girl's Basketball Team prepares a yearbook which is distributed at the tournament. The team has requested a history of girls basketball in Kaukauna. If we do the research for them they will give us a ½ page ad valued at \$100 at no charge. Jerry Kroll will work on the research.

Dr. Russo will give an oral history at the library on his work at the Sanatorium. Tom Dueshcer will video tape the presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Diane Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – September 20, 2006

Vice-President Carol Van Boxtel called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:30 PM on Wednesday September 20, 2006.

Board members in attendance: Carol Van Boxtel, Tom McGinnis, Tom Duescher, Jerry Kroll, Rebecca Welhouse, Helen Van Epern and Diane Wittman.

Motion by Tom McGinnis, seconded by Jerry Kroll to approve the minutes of the August Board Meeting.

Secretary/ Treasurer Wittman reported there are currently 51 single paid memberships and 19 paid family memberships. We currently have \$843.40 in the checkbook.

Vice President Van Boxtel reported for Julie Coenen on the Oral History Project. Becky has been working on typing the histories. She reports it takes about one and one half hours to type fifteen minutes of oral history. Janice Parsons is also helping type the oral histories.

Barb Edmondson of Forget Me Not Productions has offered to edit the video oral history with Dr. Russo at no charge. The consensus of the board was that if the Russo family had no objectives they would like to have Barb do this for us.

Tom Duescher has a few additions he would like to make to the website. He will be doing this soon and will also prepare a brochure explaining the website.

Jerry Kroll talked to Marian Walsh about the children's project. Jerry will ask her if she would come to a KAHS Board meeting to discuss it.

Jerry Kroll has finished the research on the history of the girl's basketball team. Carol has prepared a page ad to go along with the article and has submitted it for publication. The booklet goes to 7,000 people. In return for us researching and writing the article we will not be charged for the ad.

Carol is looking for a computer crossword puzzle game to use in the newsletter.

Helen Van Epern has agreed to be the KAHS Historian.

Jerry Kroll will help with the mailing of the KAHS newsletter.

Motion by Rebecca Welhouse, second by Helen Van Epern to approve the KAHS thank you card. Motion carried.

Program planning was discussed. Some ideas suggested were:

Gene Ploetz on the trolleys

Mary Jane from Brown County Historical Society – Introduction to Genealogy

JoEllen on the Grignon Home

A tour of Kaukauna Utilities

Mike Francis on Regenfuss Brewery

Kaukauna Breweries and taverns

History of cheese in Kaukauna – Maybe Sally Kinney could help us

Walking Tour of Kaukauna

Diane will talk to Barb Edmondson about the October meeting. Jerry will talk to Gene Ploetz about presenting the trolleys in November and Tom Duescher will talk to Mary Jane at the Brown County Historical Society about a presentation in January.

Helen Van Epern reported that the old Kaukauna Town Hall has been saved. Soon they will start to restore it.

Motion by Diane Wittman to adjourn, seconded by Helen Van Epern.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Diane Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – October 18, 2006

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:45 PM on Wednesday October 18, 2006 at Helen Van Epern's Museum.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Jim Severson, Julie Coenen, Carol Van Boxtel, Tom Duescher, Jerry Kroll, Rebecca Welhouse, Rev. Harvey Kandler, Helen Van Epern and Diane Wittman.

President Lahm thanked Helen and Dick Van Epern for allowing the KAHS to tour and hold its board meeting at their museum.

Motion by Tom Duescher, seconded by Carol Van Boxtel to approve the minutes of the September Board Meeting. Motion carried

The November meeting was discussed. Gene Ploetz will present his film on trolleys. If Gene needs to make any photocopies for his presentation he can make them at the library and KAHS will pay for them.

The KAHS Historian will keep newsletters, pictures, minutes and any other documents which are published or produced.

Motion by Julie Coenen, seconded by Helen Van Epern that KAHS affiliate with the State Historical Society. Motion carried.

Motion by Rev. Harvey Kandler, seconded by Jim Severson that the cost for each newsletter be changed to \$3. Motion carried.

Diane Wittman will be responsible to the storage and sales of the KAHS webstore items.

Discussion was held regarding KAHS displays. We will discuss this further at the January meeting.

Rev. Kandler reported that he visited Kaukauna Utilities during their open house. During that visit, it was mentioned that Kaukauna Utilities has plans for a museum in the old Badger plant. Craig will contact them to determine they would consider allowing Kaukauna Area Historical Society to place displays in the museum.

Motion by Jerry Kroll, seconded by Rev. Kandler to approve the purchase of a second digital recorder at a cost of \$38.64. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the oral histories. A review copy will be sent to each person doing an oral history. They will be given an opportunity to cross out anything they do not want to include.

Web Site. Tom will be making a change to the cemetery part of the web page. Union Cemetery is photographed but not on the web site.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Diane Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – November 15, 2006

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:32 PM on Wednesday, November 15, 2006.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Jim Severson, Julie Coenen, Carol Van Boxtel, Tom Duescher, Jerry Kroll, Rebecca Welhouse, Rev. Harvey Kandler, Tom McGinnis and Diane Wittman.

Motion by Jim Severson, seconded by Carol Van Boxtel to approve the minutes of the October Board Meeting. Motion carried

Motion by Jerry Kroll, seconded by Jim Severson to approve extending a new member's membership for the following year when the new member pays their dues in October, November or December of the current year. Motion carried.

We would like to list the next six meetings in each newsletter so members can plan ahead.

Carol suggested we ask the Times/Villager to do an article on the KAHS. Carol and Craig will work on getting more publicity.

Craig suggested we send our newsletter to other area historical societies. Craig will check with them. We will also send a copy to the WI Historical Society, the Outagamie County Historical Society, the mayor and the aldermen.

Renovation of the utility museum is on the "back burner" at this time.

Currently the minutes are posted on the web site. We will have a copy of the minutes at the library for interested people who do not have Internet access.

Discussion regarding the KAHS giving support to teachers on local history. Carol would like to make some of our presentations available. They could be checked out from the library.

KAHS will apply for a grant from KEEN. We need another camera, a backup drive for the Past Perfect computer and possibly a "stitch and scan" software program.

We need to send a formal letter to the three Catholic parishes that documenting the history of the three parishes could be a possible Confirmation project.

There was discussion that we could suggest to the Street Department names for new streets. Rev. Kandler suggested we have a list of names for new streets.

Tom, Carol and Rebecca will give an introduction to genealogy for our January meeting. We will ask people to bring a list of their parents, grandparents and cousins to the meeting

It was suggested that Don Swetz would be interested in making a presentation on the canal at the February meeting and possibly Ron VanderVelden would do something on artifacts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Diane Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – January 17, 2007

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:31 PM on Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Jim Severson, Carol Van Boxtel, Tom Duescher, Rebecca Welhouse, Tom McGinnis and Diane Wittman.

Julie Coenen, Rev. Kandler and Jerry Kroll were excused.

Motion by Becky Welhouse, seconded by Jim Severson to approve the November Board Minutes and the January General Meeting Minutes. Motion carried

Secretary/Treasurer Wittman presented the KAHS Annual Financial Report.

Motion by Tom Duescher seconded by Carol Van Boxtel to approve the 2006 KAHS Financial Report. Motion carried.

Wittman asked for someone to audit the KAHS Financial Report. Jim Severson agreed to do the audit.

The board discussed sending a color flyer to all 2006 members to advise them of our up-coming programs and to remind them that it is time to renew their memberships.

President Lahm reported that he has received a number of emails from people who wish to donate old Kaukauna Club crocks to KAHS.

The January general meeting was discussed. Only a few people attended the workshop on genealogy and the possible reasons for that were discussed. The consensus of the board was that there are people out there who are interested in learning how to research their family tree. Tom Duescher, Carol Van Boxtel and Becky Welhouse would be interested in helping people on a one-to-one basis. Craig will prepare a brochure.

The Storytelling Program was also discussed. There are many people interested in participating in the program and while Julie is recuperating she will need help.

Becky would be interested in going with someone when they take an oral history so she can see how it is done before she does it alone. Three people we would like to talk to would be Leo Driessen, Mark Nagen and Gene Ploetz.

A written transcript has been sent to each storyteller with a SASE asking for corrections or changes. The stories will then be corrected to a final draft and CDs will be recorded. Each participant will receive a final written transcript.

Tom Duescher would like to place a small bio on the web page for each oral history and tell people to contact the library for the complete article.

President Lahm would like to get the tax exemption completed so people making donations to KAHS would be allowed to take the tax deduction. Craig will be working on this.

President Lahm has submitted the forms for KAHS to become affiliated with the WI State Historical Society. We are waiting for a reply. Once that reply is received we need to send them a complete set of our newsletters.

President Lahm applied for a grant from the KEEN Foundation. We received a grant for \$360 to purchase a camera and an additional hard drive.

Motion by Tom Duescher, seconded by Jim Severson to approve policies; Newsletter Placement on Webpage Policy, Collecting Policy and Dues Payments in the Last Quarter of the Calendar Year Policy.

Tom Duescher reported on the change to the Web Site. He is using new software that will make the site easier for Tom to change and update.

If someone is using information on the website for research Tom can make a copy on a CD or a DVD. Using the information off a CD or DVD will make doing the research faster.

Tom Duescher reported that the library owns an 1828 map of Green Bay. Tom was doing some research and thought the map was a possible historical "find". He contacted the Wisconsin State Historical Society and they researched it and could only find fragments of a similar map but not the complete map and their images did not have the Plat map portion that the map in the Library contains. They are willing to put the map on the image library portion of the WHS web site and would be creating an acid free copy for display at the museum. The Kaukauna Library would need to approve any release of the image for public display and what the terms would be. The Historical Society is only expecting a copy of the image, not the actual artifact. Diane will bring this information to Maggie's attention.

The board discussed future program ideas. Craig will contact the potential speakers we discussed and try to set up the next few meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Diane Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – February 21, 2007

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:34 PM on Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Jim Severson, Carol Van Boxtel, Tom Duescher, Rebecca Welhouse, and Diane Wittman.

Julie Coenen, Rev. Kandler, Tom McGinnis and Jerry Kroll were excused.

Motion by Tom Duescher, seconded by Carol Van Boxtel to approve the January Board Minutes. Motion carried

Secretary/Treasurer Wittman reported the reminder notice sent last month resulted in a number of membership payments.

It was determined that we will not send newsletters to unpaid memberships. We will send a notice reminding those who have not renewed their that membership is now due.

President Lahm discussed future meetings.

March 14, 2007	Ron Vander Velden-Artifacts & artifacts hunting in the Kaukauna area.	Tom Duescher will record
April 11, 2007	Don Swetz-Fox River canal system	Tom Duescher will record
May 9, 2007	Jim Brown-Kaukauna Utility History and Tour Annual Meeting	We will provide coffee, punch and cookies

President Lahm informed the Board that KAHS has received affiliation with WI Historical Society.

We are working on potential names for future streets.

The girls basketball team has asked us to do another article for their program. They suggested something on the basketball coaches.

The Board discussed a number of possible changes to the bylaws which will be discussed at the April meeting.

President Lahm will bring a volunteer application to the April meeting and he will also work on the genealogical assistance program.

Becky Welhouse would like to place the unidentified pictures on our web site. Possibly a blog.

President Lahm discussed historical articles prepared by KAHS for the Times/Villager.

Carol Van Boxtel reported all first drafts of the oral histories have been sent out and some people have requested comments that were made be removed. We have not included those comments in the final written documents but what about the original CD? Should we dispose of the CD? Craig will research oral histories and find out the best way to handle this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Diane Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – March 21, 2007

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:36 PM on Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Jim Severson, Tom Duescher, Rebecca Welhouse, Jerry Kroll, Rev Kandler, Ginny Mulvey and Diane Wittman.

Julie Coenen and Carol Van Boxtel were excused.

Motion by Becky Welhouse, seconded by Tom Duescher to approve the February Board Minutes. Motion carried
Secretary/Treasurer Wittman presented the KAHS Annual Financial Report.

Motion by Rev. Kandler seconded by Jerry Kroll to accept the Financial Report.

President Lahm reported Don Swetz will discuss the Fox River Canal System at the April meeting on April 11.

The KAHS Annual meeting will be held on May 9th at the Kaukauna Utility offices.

President Lahm reported since KAHS has no employees we do not have to complete an "Unemployment Insurance Report".

During March the following donations were received.

Fox River Photo Book	Tom Duescher & Craig Lahm
Historical Photos	Les Auden
Historical Photos & OCTC documents	Bill & Patti Porretto

Motion by Rev. Kandler, seconded by Jerry Kroll to approve payment for the following items.

Tom Duescher	Newsletter Printing	\$51.59
Craig Lahm	Keen Grant Purchases	\$318.00

Old Business

The Board members who are up for re-appointment for three years are Tom Duescher, Carol Van Boxtel and Jerry Kroll.

There is a pending change to the bylaws appointing Becky Welhouse to the KAHS Board for a three year term.

New Business

The 2007 Keen Grant was discussed. The Board discussed applying for a grant for a scanner, "Stitch & Scan" software and a digital video camera before the May deadline. President Lahm will work on the request.

Julie Coenen would like a picture of each person who gave an oral history.

Becky Welhouse gave a demonstration and report on the KAHS blog.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52.

Diane Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – April 18, 2007

Vice President Carol Van Boxtel called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:32 PM on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

Board members in attendance: Jim Severson, Tom Duescher, Rebecca Welhouse, Jerry Kroll, Rev Kandler, Tom McGinnis, Carol Van Boxtel, Julie Coenen and Diane Wittman.

Craig Lahm was excused

Motion by Jerry Kroll, seconded by Jim Severson to approve the March Board Minutes and the April General Meeting Minutes. Motion carried

Secretary/Treasurer Wittman presented the KAHS Annual Financial Report.

Motion by Julie Coenen seconded by Jerry Kroll to accept the Financial Report.

There was no correspondence.

Motion by Jim Severson, seconded by Tom Duescher to approve the payment to Craig Lahm for the purchase of a display rack in the amount of \$16.79. Motion carried.

President's Report

Vice President Van Boxtel talked about the preparations for the Annual Meeting of KAHS which will be held on May 9th at the Kaukauna Utility office assembly room. Jim Brown will give a talk on the history of the Utility which will be followed by tours of the Utility including the old Badger plant.

There will be refreshments.

Jerry Kroll will work on the letters sent home to Kaukauna from servicemen in the military.

KAHS volunteers who print copies from the microfilm reader will keep track of items they print and KAHS will pay the Kaukauna Public Library monthly for prints.

Little Chute Historical Society will host their annual Cemetery Walk on May 19th from 1:30 to 3:30.

Old Business

Craig Lahm and Diane Wittman are working on obtaining tax exempt status.

Julie Coenen updated the Board on the Oral History Project. So far we have completed sixteen interviews and sixteen drafts have been sent out. Seven of the drafts were returned with corrections and two interviewees died before making corrections.

New Business

We need a Collection Policy. Carol will work on this policy using the Ripon Historical Society's policy as a guide.

We need a policy for library staff to follow regarding public requests to listen to tapes or read the interviews. Carol will work on the policy and Diane will help.

Vice President Van Boxtel asked for a volunteer to prepare displays that could be placed in the library display case when needed. There were no volunteers but KAHS will attempt to do two displays per year.

Vice President Van Boxtel asked for a volunteer to update cemetery records. Becky Welhouse will try to get this information online.

Jim Severson volunteered to bring items which KAHS offers for sale to all the KAHS general meetings. He will also bring the display rack with the KAHS brochures.

It has come to our attention that the Kromer web site does not list Kaukauna. Jim Severson knows the webmaster for the Kromer web site and will talk to him and get Kaukauna mentioned.

Julie Coenen will get permission to reprint the letter from Trinity Lutheran regarding the 1877 church cornerstone which was a tombstone.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42.

Diane Wittman

Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – June 13, 2007

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Julie Coenen, Tom McGinnis, Jim Severson, Tom Duescher, Rebecca Welhouse, Jerry Kroll, Rev Kandler, Carol Van Boxtel, and Helen Van Epern.

Diane Wittman was excused.

Also attending were Bob and Elaine Knapp, Joe De Bruin, Kathy De Bruin, Virginia Breitbach

Motion by Tom Duescher, seconded by Julie Coenen to approve the May Board Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Duescher, seconded by Julie Coenen to approve the May General Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

President Craig Lahm presented the KAHS Financial Report.

Motion by Jerry Kroll seconded by Jim Severson to accept the Financial Report.

Correspondence

Vice-President Carol Van Boxtel received an email from Matt Carpenter, Deputy Director, Outagamie County Historical Society. He voiced concern over the possible landscaping project for historical markers in Kaukauna described in the Summer KAHS newsletter.

He advised that the Grignon Home is a registered historical site engaging in archeological testing and planting flowers around the marker is not allowed. President Craig Lahm will send a letter to Matt, stating the KAHS will not include the Grignon marker.

President Lahm stated that he received a report form from Wisconsin Department of Revenue - Unemployment Compensation regarding KAHS employees. Craig will complete the form, indicating that KAHS has no employees.

President's Report

President Lahm stated 105 newsletters were printed and mailed out. He thanked Tom Duescher for printing the newsletter and Jerry Kroll for assembling and mailing the newsletter. He also explained the newsletter format changes.

Bills

Tom Duescher turned in a bill for \$49.60 for printing the newsletter.

Motion by Jerry Kroll, seconded by Jim Severson, to approve payment for the items above.

Old Business

Status of the Times Villager history column is unknown at this time since Ginny Mulvey was absent. President Lahm will try to contact Ginny to present an update at next Board meeting.

Board members discussed Board meeting and general meeting schedule. Members agreed to hold Board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. The Board meeting will be open to all society members. General meetings with a program will be scheduled 3-4 times a year. If able to schedule on second Wednesday, the Board members will meet before or after the general meeting. Programs could be scheduled anytime.

Publicity for programs will consist of flyers advertising the program mailed to all members.

Discussed possible programs. Suggestions included:

Individual help with ancestry by Tom Duescher or Rebecca Welhouse

History of Vaudette Theater by Betty Driessen (Carol Van Boxtel will try to schedule Betty for November meeting)

Life in a concentration camp by Lisa Weiner. (President Lahm will try to schedule Lisa for September meeting.)

Holocaust Survivor by Henry Gold, author from Appleton

Stockbridge Munsee Indian History by a representative from the tribe

Select speaker from Humanities Brochure. (President Lahm will bring brochure to next meeting.)

Possible tours include; Wright house in Wrightstown, Farm House, Hearthstone.

President Lahm distributed the results of the KAHS board survey taken at the May 2007 meeting. Results were:

Newsletter production and distribution

Collecting, transcribing and documenting oral history interviews

Preparation of a regular history column for the Times-Villager
Development and maintenance of topics on the KAHS website
Cemetery photographing and census
Assisting the public library in the cataloging and organization of its local history collection
Soliciting, collecting, copying/scanning and indexing historical
Photographs
Manual indexing of microfilm
Preparation and presentation of regular programs and meetings
For the general membership
Soliciting, collecting, and cataloging objects and materials for the
KAHS collection
Developing and maintaining a list of historic street names on
Website
Digitizing the microfilms of the Kaukauna newspapers
Preparation and presentation of the annual meeting of the general
Membership
Preparation of displays for the general public
Development and maintenance of topics on the KAHS BLOG
Developing policies and forms for KAHS Volunteer Applications
Production and distribution of the KAHS brochure
Preparation and presentation Board meetings
Preparation of materials and guides for school
Preparation and implementation of a program genealogical
Assistance by appointment
Writing grants for funds for KAHS purposes
Seeking IRS Exemption for KAHS
Review Collection Policy moved to August meeting
New Business
Election of KAHS Board officers: Rev. Kandler moved to cast a unanimous vote to keep the present officers, second by
Rebecca Welhouse. Motion carried. Officers reappointed are:
President Craig Lahm
Vice-president Carol Van Boxtel
Secretary & Treasurer Diane Wittman
Historian Helen Van Epern
Meeting adjourned at 7:52.
Carol Van Boxtel
Acting Recording Secretary

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – August 6, 2007

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, August 6, 2007.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Jim Severson, Tom Duescher, Rebecca Welhouse, Jerry Kroll, Rev Kandler, Carol Van Boxtel, and Helen Van Epern.

Excused: Diane Wittman

Absent: Julie Coenen, Tom McGinnis

Also attending Virginia Breitbach, Mike Frances

Motion by Jim Severson, seconded by Carol Van Boxtel to approve the June Board Minutes. Motion carried.

Vice-President Carol Van Boxtel presented the KAHS Financial Report.

Motion by Tom Duescher seconded by Jerry Kroll to accept the Financial Report.

Correspondence

President Lahm received the following correspondence:

Thank you from a woman asking for directions to Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. She visited the cemetery and found several of her relative's tombstones.

Email and picture from a German Town man requesting information on a thistle header machine he acquired. The Kaukauna Machine Works manufactured it.

Email from Darlene De Bruin concerning how her brother, Gene De Bruin (MIA 1963) is portrayed in several films released this year. The family established a web site with their viewpoint. <http://rescuedawnthetruth.com> President Lahm will forward this information to the Times Villager.

President Lahm sent an email to Matt Carpenter, Deputy Director Outagamie Historical Society stating that KAHS will not include the Grignon marker in any landscaping project for historical markers in Kaukauna.

President Lahm sent a thank you to Barb Edmondson – Forget Me Not Production and KAHS member for making KAHS brochures and Storytelling brochures available during Kaukauna sidewalk sale.

President's Report

President Lahm circulated a copy of the Wrightstown Newsletter. At this time several Board Members shared newsletters they received.

President Lahm asked Tom Duescher to develop digital photo and scanning guidelines. Tom will develop a set of guidelines for the September Board Meeting.

President Lahm will check into applying for a Keen Grant for Past Perfect Museum software.

President Lahm stated that he completed and submitted the state unemployment/non profit form. He received feedback that as a non-profit society, KAHS will no longer need to complete this yearly form.

President Lahm asked members to check out the survey software service <http://www.surveymonkey.com/Default.aspx> and any other survey sites members find. He would like to utilize survey software with future KAHS surveys.

Fall newsletter is almost completed.

Bills

Motion by, Jim Severson seconded by Rebecca Welhouse to approve payment for the following bills.

President Craig Lahm submitted a bill for:

reams bright white paper

Rental box

Photocopies

Printed 75 color brochures

Total 91.63

Kaukauna Public Library submitted a bill for 65.40 for 654 photocopies Storytelling projects.

Old Business

President Lahm reported that the Times Villager wasn't interested in a "Look Back In Time." column unless they could find a sponsor.

President Lahm deferred the final approval of the Collection Policy to the September meeting.

President Lahm announced General Meeting Program schedule.

September 12 – Tour of Helen Van Epern Museum (Note Board Members will meet at 5:45 PM at the Museum)

October 8 – Board Meeting at St. Paul Home.

November 14 – Presentation on the Vaudette Theatre by Betty Driessen at St. Paul Home. (Note: Board Members will meet at 5:45 PM at St. Paul Home.)

New Business

Helen Van Epern presented each Board member with a copy of "Homestead and Haven" book, a story of the Grignon family. She explained that the St. Paul Home purchased a tombstone for two Grignon family members buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. Next to those gravesites, ten more Grignon family members are buried with no tombstone. Helen asked members to consider raising money to purchase a tombstone with the names engraved on it. Members will investigate this long-term project at a future meeting.

Discussed access to old issues of Kaukauna Times. Craig stated that Glen Hanson owns the bound volumes and he thought Glenn was looking for someplace to permanently store them. The copies are currently stored at the Times Villager site. Helen Van Epern offered her museum for storage. Craig will contact Glen Hanson and discuss this possibility with him.

President Lahm asked if members were interested in developing a display board for Kaukauna's Fall Festival. There is a possibility that several members will try to develop one.

Discussed developing display boards for different business windows. The displays would rotate between several sites and new ones would be added. Will discuss at October meeting.

Tom Duescher reported on the web site statistics. A year ago the site averaged 5 hits a day, now averaging 31 hits a day.

Rebecca Welhouse reported on KAHS blog site, which is new. The site is averaging 1 hit a day.

Vice-President Carol Van Boxtel reported that the Kaukauna Girls Basketball Association asked if KAHS would develop a two-page article on girl's basketball history for their yearly booklet. KAHS will receive a free ad in the magazine, which comes out in October. Jerry Kroll and Fred Barribeau are working on the project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52.

Carol Van Boxtel

Acting Recording Secretary

Meeting of the Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Board Meeting – April 8, 2009

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:02 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Carol Van Boxtel, Tom Duescher, Rebecca Welhouse, Ginny Mulvey, Jerry Kroll, Rev. Harvey Kandler and Diane Wittman

Absent: Julie Coenen.

Also attending KAHS members: Helen Van Epern, Joe De Bruin and Kathy De Bruin

Motion by Welhouse and seconded by Duescher to approve the corrected February 11, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Severson, second by Welhouse to approve the April 8, 2009 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Presidents Report

President Lahm will do a local history presentation to three sessions of 60 first grade students in the Kaukauna School District on April 30th. He will show pictures, play games, talk to them about Stormy Kromer and give them genealogy worksheets. There will be lots of visuals.

Old Business

Discussion regarding splitting the office of Secretary/Treasurer into two offices. President Lahm has not found someone to take over the position of Secretary and splitting the office would require changing the bylaws. We decided we won't split the office but we will ask at the annual meeting for general member who is interested in becoming the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary will take minutes at all Board meetings. We will also simplify the recording of minutes. The Recording Secretary will record actions and motions and summarize discussions.

Secretary/Treasurer Wittman will continue to take minutes until a Recording Secretary can take over the duties.

New Business

President Lahm will apply for a Keen Grant to help us purchase the Past Perfect Software.

Motion by Kroll, seconded by Kandler to apply for a KEEN Grant to purchase Past Perfect. Motion carried.

President Lahm is also advising that we become members of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). The national organization dedicated to state and local history. Benefits of AASLH include a quarterly subscription to History News, a discount on the Past Perfect software, workshops and seminars, technical leaflets, history professionals network, video lending library, and more.

Motion by Welhouse, second by Kandler to approve applying for membership in AASLH. Motion carried.

Jim Severson arrived at this time.

Motion by Welhouse, second by Duescher to nominate Jim Severson, Craig, Lahm and Diane Wittman for another three year term on the Board of KAHS. Motion carried.

Motion by Kandler, second by Severson to make two changes to the KAHS Bylaws. These changes will affect membership dues and number of meetings. Our Bylaws require advance written notice to all members prior to making these changes. President Lahm will send a notice regarding our annual meeting to all members along with the changes to the bylaws so we can act on the changes at the May meeting.

Our annual meeting will be held in the Haen Room at St. Pauls on May 13th. There will be a short business meeting and coffee and snacks. Each Board member is asked to bring their oldest cookbook.

The Board discussed collections of KAHS. We need to prepare a policy of what we want to collect. Items could be collected for a number of reasons including collection or education. Board members will review items at the end of each meeting.

Tom Duescher is working on arranging a tour of the Thilmany upper mill buildings.

Carol Van Boxtel reported the large amount of Kaukauna information available at the Outagamie Historical Society.

The Board reviewed a number of items as potential donations for our collection.

Quilt—will not be accessioned to the collection.

1851 Coverlet Merritt Black—will be accessioned to the collection.

Accordion—will not be accessioned to the collection.

Eureka Vacuum Cleaner-will not be accessioned to the collection.

Barrel Building Tools-will be accessioned to the collection.

Rocker-will not be accessioned to the collection.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm.

Diane M. Wittman

Recording Secretary

Meeting of the Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Annual Meeting – May 13, 2009

President Craig Lahm called the annual meeting of KAHS to order at 6:40 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2009.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Carol Van Boxtel, Tom Duescher, Rebecca Welhouse, Jim Severson, Ginny Mulvey, Jerry Kroll, Rev. Harvey Kandler and Diane Wittman

Also attending KAHS members: Joyce and Les Abel, Dal and Mary Werner, Mike Francis, Mona Welhouse, Tom McGinnis, Joe De Bruin and Kathy De Bruin

Presidents Report

President Lahm applied for a KEEN Grant to purchase Past Perfect software and is waiting to hear if we will receive the grant.

He will also apply for a "mini grant" from WI Historical to purchase a module for the Past Perfect software.

On April 24th, President Lahm gave three local history presentations to 180 first graders at Quinney School on April 24th. He reported it was a "lot of fun" and the kids really enjoyed it. They would like us to do it again next year.

Motion by Tom Duescher, second by Rebecca Welhouse to approve changes to the KAHS Bylaws.

(1) Section 6.01(a) containing the following sentence: The Board of Directors shall meet monthly will be changed to: The Board of Directors shall meet bi-monthly (in January, March, May, July, September and November.)

(2) Section 2.02 (a) which is currently: "Memberships shall be individual and family. A family membership is intended to include two adult members of the same household." Will be changed to: "Membership shall be individual."

(3) Section 2.03 (b) which currently states: "Each annual family membership shall be entitled to two adult votes at all meetings of the membership and shall be entitles to such benefits and privileges as shall be set forth in the regulations and proceedings of the organization." will be eliminated.

Motion carried.

Motion by Rebecca Welhouse, seconded by Jerry Kroll to elect Diane Wittman, Jim Severson and Craig Lahm for additional three-year terms. Motion carried.

III. Program

KAHS members shared old recipes and their origins.

AASLH Video. Members viewed a video from AASLH.

President Lahm discussed the issues to consider as we write a collection policy and displayed several artifacts which have been donated.

Voyager Magazine is in the process of writing an article about the top twenty-five events of northeast Wisconsin history. Tom Duescher shared much of his research regarding his family's involvement in the development of the paper mills for this article.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Diane M. Wittman

Recording Secretary

Meeting of the Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

July 8, 2009

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:04 PM on Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Carol Van Boxtel, Tom Duescher, Rebecca Welhouse, Jim Severson, Jerry Kroll, Julie Coenen, Helen Van Epern and Diane Wittman

Also attending KAHS members: Ron Welch, Robert Wentzel, Joe De Bruin and Kathy De Bruin

Motion by Becky Welhouse, seconded by Jim Severson to approve the minutes of the April 8 and May 13, 2009 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julie Coenen, seconded by Jerry Kroll to approve the July Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Presidents Report

President Lahm has not heard any news about the KEEN Grant.

Many of the items which we will not be collecting will be sold on consignment with the proceeds going to the Grignon Memorial Fund.

Craig has been working on making arrangements with Professor Jacobs of the University of Wisconsin to talk about the KKK in WI at a future KAHS meeting. Originally Craig was trying to schedule this meeting for August 26th. Craig has not heard from him and is now concerned that we will not have enough time to do the necessary publicity prior to this meeting. We may have to put the program off until fall. If this is necessary, maybe we could have a photo identification meeting on August 26th. Craig will keep the Board informed.

Mayor Rosin was looking for a picture of Carstens Feed Mill and contacted KAHS. During the highway reconstruction the State of WI did a historic picture preservation. Craig's son works for the State and Craig will check if he can get copies for us.

There have been questions regarding the history of homes in Kaukauna. We will put together some FAQs for the website to assist people with this process.

For some time there has been interest in searching for arrowheads. It may be possible to do a search in some of Helen Van Epern's farm fields. Jim Severson will work with Helen on setting something up next Spring.

President Lahm questioned asking to have ownership of the Grignon Home transferred to the City and have KAHS manage it. The consensus of the Board was not to do this but it would be better to ask the Utility to give us a corner for displays.

Tom Duescher passed around copies of the Voyageur magazine which contained a two page article about Henry Frambach and John Stoveken. Tom provided information for this article.

Jim Severson would like to do another oral history with Leo Eimmerman. Julie suggested we also need to talk to Carl Schmitt. Jim and Julie will work together on this.

Motion by Jerry Kroll, second by Jim Severson to purchase return address labels with the new KAHS logo on it. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig will talk to Barb Edmondson to determine if she has done anything with our brochures. He will also talk to Mark Hansen and check with FVTC if someone there needs a class project and would be willing to take on our brochures.

Jim Nett would like a good copy of the Wertheimer article from the Kaukauna Times. Carol Van Boxtel suggested we check with Lyle Hansen.

Meeting adjourned 6:58 pm.

Diane M. Wittman

Recording Secretary

Meeting of the Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

November 11, 2009

President Craig Lahm called the meeting of KAHS to order at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 11, 2009.

Board members in attendance: Craig Lahm, Carol Van Boxtel, Tom Duescher, Rebecca Welhouse, Jim Severson, Julie Coenen, Jerry Kroll, Rev. Kandler, Helen Van Epern, G. Mulvey and Diane Wittman

Also attending KAHS members: Lyle and Linda Hanson, Joe De Bruin and Kathy De Bruin.

Motion by Jerry Kroll, seconded by Carol Van Boxtel to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Julie Coenen, seconded by Jim Severson to approve the November Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Kaukauna Area Historical Society, Inc.

Budget and Report

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

		2009 Budget	2009 ACTUAL	ACTUAL Members
Revenues				
Memberships (\$15)	90	\$1,350.00	\$ 1,544.00	88
Interest-Checking			\$ 1.14	
Taxable Sale			\$ 337.59	
Donations		\$ -	\$ 10.00	
Grants		\$ -	\$ -	
Total revenues		\$1,350.00	\$ 1,892.73	
Expenditures				
Administration				
FOCOL - ISP/Web hosting/email account		\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	
Post Office Box Rental		\$ 40.00	\$ 44.00	
General Postage		\$ 42.00	\$ 63.60	
Sales Tax			\$ 2.25	
Miscellaneous Expenses			\$ 5.00	
Annual corporate registration		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	
AASLH Membership		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Wisconsin Council of Local History		\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	
Program/Meeting Expense		\$ 150.00	\$ 20.00	
General Supplies		\$ 150.00	\$ 208.03	

Equipment/Software		\$ -	
Newsletter			
Printing and Preparation		\$ 366.48	\$ 430.69
Newsletter Postage		\$ 211.20	\$ 41.80
Newsletter Supplies		\$ 100.00	\$ -
Total expenditures		\$1,244.68	\$ 1,005.37

Balance +/-			\$ 887.36
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CarryOver 12/31/2008		\$1,758.59	
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Total		\$3,003.27	
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Checking Balance

\$ 2,645.95

President's Report

KAHS credit card: Secretary/Treasurer is going to investigate getting a credit card for KAHS. Recently, we were required to pay for additional storage for Picasa however, they only accept credit card payments.

Tom Duescher graciously used his personal credit card to cover this charge; however, in this and other potential transactions we should have a low limit card available.

1st Grade presentation: Next Wednesday, November 18th I will be presenting the History of Kaukauna program to two sessions of first-graders at Quinney School.

Introduction and comments by Lyle Hansen – former owner of the Kaukauna Times who recently placed his collection of hardcopy Kaukauna papers in the KAHS room at Nicolet.

Lyle reported that Metro Printing closed on October 16, 2009. Lyle has moved his complete collection of Kaukauna newspapers to the KAHS section of Nicolet School. The understanding is that these papers are Lyle's property and are not there to be read as they are very brittle. Mr. Hanson indicated that he would make arrangements in his will that these papers would become property of KAHS. Craig will write a Memo of Understanding regarding the papers and the procedures for handling which the Board will review at the January meeting.

The Ledyard papers have not been microfilmed and KAHS will attempt to find funding to microfilm them.

Rev. Kandler expressed his gratitude to the Hanson's for allowing KAHS to have access to these papers.

Motion by Becky Welhouse, second by Jerry Kroll to accept with abundant gratitude and appreciation to Lyle and Linda Hanson for allowing KAHS to have access to this collection.

Lyle Hanson has prepared a calendar with news articles and memories from 1910 which KAHS will sell as a fund raiser. The calendars will sell for \$7.00 each.

Change in Board meeting place: As many of you know, following an email survey of the Board, I decided to change the Board meeting place back to the Haen Room at St. Paul ElderCare. I will feature this change in the next newsletter so our members are aware of it.

Winter Newsletter: I hope to have the Winter issue of the KAHS newsletter completed by the end of November

Eugene DeBruin contact: I was able to contact Eugene DeBruin's brother, Jerry. I will be working with him on the preparation of an article about Eugene.

Closing of Kaukauna Times (metro Printing after 130 years), Lyle Hansen has prepared an obituary for the business.

KAHS envelopes: Metro Printing was able to print 2 boxes of KAHS envelopes before they closed.

Orphan train program at Little Chute: Board members are reminded that the Little Chute Historical Society will be hosting a program about the "Orphan Train" and the descendents of those who were on the terrain on Monday, November 16th, at 5:30 P.M. at the Little Chute Municipal Hall.

New Business

Consideration of items to add to the collection:

Roloff maul donated by Janet Stockhausen of Madison

Motion by Becky Welhouse, second by Carol Van Boxtel to add the Roloff maul to the KAHS collection. Motion carried.

High Cliff book donated by Karen Van Lyssel

Motion by Jim Severson, second by Tom Duescher to add the High Cliff book to the KAHS collection.

Klein Dairy Farms milk bottle donated by Karen Van Lyssel

Motion by Diane Wittman, second by Jerry Kroll to add the Klein Dairy Farms milk bottle to the KAHS collection.

Photos/Documents about the reconstructing of the Lawe Street Bridge donated by the DOT (via Jason Lahm)

Motion by Becky Welhouse, second by Tom Duescher to add the photos and documents about the reconstructing of the Lawe Street Bridge to the KAHS collection.

Email to KEEN re award

"10/30/2009 11:53 AM

Hello Arlene and John,

As you may know I've been on the mend for the last few months and have had abundant time on my hands. During that time I've given a lot more thought about the KAHS grant request that you recently approved.

After carefully reviewing our request, I am not at all convinced that the purchase of the PastPerfect software identified in the grant request is a wise choice for our group at this time. It is software that requires some significant training and a commitment of time to maintain its records. Our group - while very active in many ways - really doesn't have the right setting and volunteers to commit to this program at this time.

PastPerfect would remain the appropriate choice at some point in the future - most appropriately when KAHS would have a permanent home and regular public hours staffed by volunteers. At this time however, I think we would be better off to record our collection in a common software that would be designed to collect all necessary information. With a little bit thought, the data in a common software could be designed to easily "convert" to PastPerfect at some point in the future.

In addition, the use of a common software would permit us to try to enlist the help of more volunteers than might be possible with a software requiring special training.

Given the above conditions, I must reluctantly decline KEEN's gracious award of the 2009 grant of \$500 to the Kaukauna Area Historical Society for the purchase of PastPerfect software.

Please contact me regarding the proper resolution of this situation.

Thanks!

Craig Lahm
Kaukauna Area Historical Society
email: craiglahm@gmail.com
Telephone: 766-9167"

Appoint committee to set up and make arrangements for three (3) public sessions including May annual meeting

Program Possibilities

Photo gathering for Leo et al

Elaine Doxator Raddatz – 920-849-7831 – Speaker on Stockbridge Munsee cemetery

Thilmany upper mill tour

Tour of Freedom museum

Wrightstown house visit

Mike Jacobs – “The Ku Klux Klan in Wisconsin” (Not available on Wednesdays)

John Savagian- “Hendrick Aupaumut and Dr. Tanner” (May be good choice for the annual meeting)

Dr. Kerry Trask – “Black Hawk: The Battle for the Heart of America”

Jerry Apps – “Old Farm: A History”

Michael Goc – “The End of Nature in Wisconsin” or “Powder, People and Place” [history of the Badger Army Ammunition plant near Baraboo

Speaker from the Wisconsin Archaeological Society – President Robert Boszhardt indicated that their members offer regular programs on specific interests

Speakers from the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology; examples: “Reintroduction of Whooping Cranes to Wisconsin”, “100 Birdy Things to Experience in Wisconsin Before You Die”, “Common Loons”

A committee was not formed. This item will be reconsidered at the January meeting.

Spring arrowhead search: Jim Severson and Helen Van Epern will plan this for early Spring. There will be more information at the January meeting.

Grignon burial stones update: Jim Severson and Craig Lahm are looking at a stone and a design to mark the Grignon burial stones.

Update on accession policy, forms and documentation. Digital copies of photos for KAHS collection: Craig will work on the documents for donations and loans as well as getting the donation database started.

Other Business

Carol Van Boxtel reported the Kaukauna Utilities is looking for a picture of W. Montgomery the first Utility superintendent.

Carol has completed two books; the History of the Kaukauna Hotel and the History of the St. Andrews Home and is now working on the history of Kaukauna Utility.

Meeting adjourned 7:32 pm.

Diane M. Wittman

Recording Secretary