

# Little Chute Historical Society

October 20, 2014

The first meeting in our new site in the windmill was called to order by President, Virgie Janssen at 5:35. Members present: Gene & Virgie Janssen, Ellen Mischler, Bob Wenzel, Paul West, Jane Vanden Heuvel, Jeanne Selig, Julie Coenen, Ed & Ellen Hammen, Joe & Kathy DeBruin, Janet Janssen, Pete & Mary Arts, and Karen Mulry

Minutes of the last meeting were read. A motion was made by Jane to accept the minutes and were seconded by Julie. All were in favor. Treasurer's report was handed out for all to see. A motion was made by Jeanne to accept the report and seconded by Dick. Ellen submitted a bill for \$380.57 for supplies for opening of the windmill at Kermis and supplies for our new work space.

Virgie introduced our members to our work space. The cubicles & carpet were donate by Secura. Dick, Paul, Gene and Louie installed everything and painted the area. We are inventorying items and putting things into our space. We don't put anything away it we have it inventoried in the computer. Library cabinets came from Library. Mention was made of some of the things they can look at after the meeting. Dick donated the printer/scanner. We have old tools for making wooden shoes and wooden shoes in various stages of development.

Pete & Mary have a spinning wheel he would like to donate and windmill posters. A lady called Virgie- Wilma (Derks) Glasheen, Joyce (De Bruin) Bouressa, and Ann Marie (Schmidt) ? They are in a home in the Freedom area. They wanted words to old St John's school song. Jane found all the words and the sheet music for them in her husband's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year book. 2 versions.

Paul worked on Cemetery book. New version is ready to go to printer. Includes all the people under the church and over 1000 unmarked graves in the old part of the cemetery. Most of unmarked are babies. New company will charge \$17.23 ea. for 50 books. This includes a 25% first time discount. After that they would be \$22.98 ea for 50. Who do we give one to and who do we charge. This book includes Date of Birth, Date of Death, and spouse's name. There is more information in this new edition than old book. It also includes the names of everyone buried under St. John's Church. We decided to get 50 books. We will sell them for \$40.00 each. All were in favor.

Paul suggested that we get a marker for Louis Bernard Grignon who served in the Civil war. This is a free service from the Veterans Administration. The grave now only has a wooden cross with no info on it. He died and was never married so therefore no children. Paul sent a request to the Veterans Administration for the stone but was turned down because it had to be requested by a family member. Paul tracked down Lois Peeters who is his 4<sup>th</sup> cousin. He reapplied in her name and the stone was approved. A Marble stone of Civil war type will be deliver soon to Gene & Virgie Janssen's house for installation at a later date.

We will meet with Grignon Home volunteers at the request of Jay Van Stiphout, windmill executive. We will meet on Friday, Oct 31, at their place at 9:00 and 10:30 here for them to tour the windmill and see our space. On Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Dick, Paul, Karen, Jane, Ellen and Virgie will meet at the Grignon Home. Their charges are minimum of \$50.00 for group, \$6.00 adults,- \$5.00 seniors.

The Windmill committee is looking for volunteer for cleaning, millers, grounds keeper, greeters, tour guides. Many tours, and extra people just showing up.

The Christmas party will be Dec. 15 at Main Event. Virgie will call for reservation for 5:30.

Julie made a motion to close; it was seconded by Dick, All were in favor. We adjourned at 6:27.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ellen Mischler, Secretary  
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