

Little Chute Historical Society  
February 20, 2017

This is the 1st meeting of 2017. The January meeting had to be canceled due to bad Weather.

The meeting was called to order by President, Virgie Janssen at 5:30.

Members present: Jeanne M Selig, Carol Van Boxtel, Faye Grosek-Woods, Paul West, Virgie Janssen, Gene Janssen, Joe DeBruin, Kathy DeBruin, Dick Evers, Dennis Graf, & Linda McDaniel. *Cindy Carter*

The minutes of the last meeting (Nov 21st) were passed out & read. Carol made a motion To accept , 2nd by Cindy. All were in favor.

The treasurer's report was passed out. Paul stated that the sales were paid by the windmill the last day of 2016 (except for a small amt of \$28). We will need to pay Ellen for supplies bought for the quilt show. She did very well in her costs. The report was accepted by Cindy & 2nd by Carol.

The village wants to have one person from every organization/or club to participate on a board for the possible events on the plaza. Linda volunteered to be that person. She will bring back the results to our group.

The election of officers took place. President: Virgie Janssen, Vice President: Faye Grosek-Woods, Treasurer: Paul West, and Secretary: Linda McDaniel. The board of directors: Gene Janssen, Ellen Mischler, Jeanne Selig, and Carol Van Boxtel. At the next meeting we may look at the by-laws and decide if 5 members should be on the board. Paul will mail out the by-laws for review. The results were accepted by Virgie and 2nd by Carol.

Gene stated that he had talked with several groups (ie, senior womens, & some church groups) He received praise from them & notes of thanks. Thank you Gene.

The Kiwanis Club will be holding their Meeting at the windmill.

It was noted that the Times Villager helped us to sell lots of our ornaments.

We have received a 1976 American flag.

Cindy will take some of the flyers for the quilt show to various visitor centers (ie New London) & Dennis and Carol will drop some at the libraries. Thank you all. The Kathy Keen Show will talk about the quilt show on WHBY.

Paul attended a conference in Oct. He learned about a program called Past/Perfect. It is a program which helps with inventory, photos, persons and articles. If we join the American Assoc. for State & Local Histories, we can buy the program at less cost. The cost would be \$696 + \$308 for add-ons. Paul would start putting the info into our historical computer system. He would later train others to help him as it is a very involved program. Cindy made a motion to purchase the program & it was 2nd by Dick. All agreed.

Two Civil War veterans, Timothy O'Conner and John Doherty had graves that no longer are there. The veterans administration will give them new headstones. Virgie & Gene have the markers at their home. A ceremony will take place on 5-20 (Armed Forces Day) at the cemetery. Gene is going to have Timothy's wife's name engraved on the back as her grave is also gone.

The cemetery book is finished. Thank you Paul. It took a lot of research. It is at the printers now. It will be the same price as the previous book. (\$40).

The display of the 3 ships and their passengers is now on the boards. It is truly wonderful!! There will be books for sale. One each for each of the ships. Each book will be a different color. There will also be one book listing descendants (about 65,000), but this one will not be for sale. We as of yet have not decided how many to order or a cost. Larry Janssen is getting maps on the journey of each ship which will also be on the wall. Paul will be working on the next ship that came to Little Chute, the Tuskina. This is the ship on which Arnold VerStegen was on in 1850.

There is a new setup for the computer screen for people to view their history. It is much easier and nicer than the old one. Thanks again to Paul.

A motion was made to close by Faye & a 2nd by Cindy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda McDaniel, Secretary  
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