

Little Chute Historical Society

March 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Virgie Janssen at 5:30. Members present were: Ellen Mischler, Jane Vandenberg, Paul West, Virgie & Gene Janssen, Jeanne Selig, Dick Evers, Joe & Kathy De Bruin, and Pete & Mary Arts. Guest: Paul Damm: Guest Speaker, & Dennis Graf.

The guest speaker for the evening was Paul Damm, representing the windmill. He informed us of soft opening of windmill in spring. By June things could be set for opening. The Grand opening would be in fall. Our displays could be about historical founding, beginnings of Little Chute could be permanent. They would want us to do a display for a couple of weeks, 4 times a year. They would use the displays to encourage new patrons. Other ideas include educational aspects such as programs for school kids. There will also be national exhibits brought in by Mike Van Asten.

Our basement storage space would only be open when we are down in the basement. Storage and office are for Historical Society. Walls will be set up for displays. We can sell t shirts and postcards.

The minutes were read. Jane made a motion to accept the minutes; Dick seconded it. All were in favor.

Paul gave the treasurers report. He received \$ 75 for 2 family histories because they were so excited by what they had received. Jane made motion to accept the report; Jeanne seconded. All were in favor. Paul asked if we still wanted to keep the Historical Society website. Ellen made a motion to keep the website active, it was seconded by Virgie. All approved a bill of \$25.00 to keep the website.

Paul gave us an update on St. John's Church Cemetery records. He is making a list of who is under church, and from 1854 forward. He is still looking for 1836- 1854. He has names 1000 people in old section of cemetery with no markers or headstones; about 500 are babies. Gene & Paul are going to Diocesan office to research cemetery records.

The old bridge mechanical house is at the center of controversy. Our Historical society agreed that the house needs to be taken down. State historical society wants it saved. The Village needs to have the issue resolved before they can build the bridge.

We received information from the Cheese Fest Committee. We can have 3 booths for free if we sell Cheeze Fest t-shirts. Cheese fest is June 6, 7, 8. Virgie will let them know that we will sell their shirts. We will also sell our windmill t-shirts.

Gene read a letter from Robin resigning as employee of windmill due to family and illness. She suggested a full time executive, and part time person. We are all sad to see he go. Gene will keep us posted on windmill.

We received a bunch of photos that are not labeled. Jane will take them home to see if she knows anyone. Tess Coonen gave us a number of slides that Ellen will take to Walgreens to see if they can develop and put them on a CD.

The Freedom Historical Society is open from 10-to 5 on Wed and Thurs. Ellen, Virgie, Jeanne, and Jane will go to check out their methods of archiving and layout.

Mary made a motion to adjourn; Pete seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted

Ellen Mischler, Secretary

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