

Little Chute Historical Society

April 21, 20~~13~~ 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Virgie Janssen at 5:30. Members present were Virgie & Gene Janssen, Ellen Mischler, Dick Evers, Jeanne Selig, Carol Van Boxtel, Paul West, Joe & Kathy DeBruin, Julie Coenen, Jane Vanden Heuvel  
Guest: Dennis Graf

The minutes were read by everyone. Dick Evers made a motion to accept the minutes. Jane Vanden Heuvel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Paul passed out the treasurer's report. Julie Coenen made a Motion to accept the report. It was seconded by Carol Van Boxtel. All in favor.

Virgie read a letter asking if we wanted to be in Cheese fest parade. It was agreed that we would not. We will have a Cheese Fest Booth in conjunction with the Garden Club. We will get our booths for free if we sell the Cheese Fest T-shirts. We will be there Friday night through Sunday. We will need workers. Gene & Virgie not available on Friday night.

There will be a pipe for corner stone of Visitor Center. We came up with ideas that we could put in there. These are some of the suggestions: Early history of Little Chute, Newspaper of Times Villager. History of our society with a photo of officers and members present, our minutes, photos of current downtown. Village could do the administration and board if they are not having one in their building. We could also add advertisements for Cheese, Kermis and Rock Cancer, current Church and administration, school photos, photos of new Bridges (sketches) and old bridge coming down. It will be put in in about 5 weeks.

The lady holding the chairs from Alice Janssen wants them out of her storage. They were given by Arnold Janssen as a wedding gift to Alice Jansen mother. Virgie will go get those.

We have some orders for the cemetery books. After we have a few more orders, Paul will get more. He found old records at the diocesan office that supposedly did not exist. They start in 1836. He now has a list of everyone buried under the church. The people under the church are from a lot of areas around here because this was the only catholic cemetery of the missions that Father Vandebroek visited. They included Indians, fur traders, and Dutch immigrants. The also got to read Father Vandebroek's book in his own hand writing. The cover says 1836 La Petit Chute.

Cubicles update: We will be getting most everything on our wish list. We will have to paint the walls, install the carpet and then set up cubicles. We will have to bring things in and see what we have room for and then only keep what we really want. As we bring them in we will inventory and then archive. We discusses how to handle scrapbooks that people have given us. For now they can be looked at. In the future we can take a photo of pages or scan photos as jpgs. But scanning takes forever. Taking a photo of the page is faster.

Virgie will look for flash drive of Centennial book. We should have that in case we ever want to reprint books.

These are some of our most urgent needs: Computer & scanner/ printer, flash drives, dehumidifier. There are no copyrights on anything before 1929. We should eliminate all newspaper. Copy articles you want from the paper and then toss the papers. Refer people to right places instead of keeping copy of something already somewhere else.

It was suggested that the Historical Society address use the address of Ambrose Hammen once we get into the windmill visitor center as his house was on this property. We will look into that.

We are applying for a grant from the State Historical society. We will ask Lindsay Fenlon if she would help on that.

Jane made a motion to adjourn. Carol seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Ellen Mischler, Secretary  
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