

Little Chute Historical Society

June 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:30. Members present were Gene & Virgie Janssen, Ellen Mischler, Jane Vanden Heuvel, Jeanne Selig, Dennis Graf, Carol Van Boxtel, Paul West, Joe & Kathy De Bruin, Dick Evers, and Faye Grosek-Woods.

The Secretary report was passed out and read ahead of time. Gene name made a motion to accept the report; it was seconded by Carol. All were in favor. The treasurer report was passed out and read ahead of time. We are selling a good amount. We had a donation to pay for paint for murals. Jane made a motion to accept the report; it was seconded by Dick. All were in favor.

We had water in basement here. Gene went downstairs just in time to get everything off the floor. So far things are working down there. The elevator sump pump also was cleaned out as well. Hopefully it will stay dry.

Cheese fest: We made a lot of money on Saturday but we were thinking of not doing it again. Sunday was very slow. We take it under consideration next year. Things did not sell well here at the windmill, but our sales here since then have been really good. Thank you to everyone that helped out.

Cemetery books: We only have about 20 books left. We do not need to order at this point. Paul is adding dates of death for people who had reserved lots, but is not going to add the people who recently purchased lots.

Paul set up an internet sign up for volunteers to be at the windmill during open hours. We would like to have volunteers to be here during open hours so we can sell. Open hours: Tues 9-noon, Thurs 10-3, Fri 10-3, Sat 11-3, Sun: Noon-3. There are extra hours for scheduled large group tours. Have heard of people not knowing when the windmill is open. Gene made a motion to get village sign. Seconded by Carol. Ellen will go see about getting Village sign for \$150.

Quilt Expo: Ellen will have the first meeting on Wednesday at 6:30.

We need postcards. We are also thinking of having some kind of souvenirs, but we do not want to compete with Peggy at the dime store. Coffee cups with our windmill on it (set of 4 summer, winter, fall, spring ?), tiles, refrigerator magnets? We will check with Peggy to see what she wants to sell. Virgie will talk to area business to see what they are thinking about for selling souvenir. Perhaps we can come up with something for children.

There was a suggestion about having a tulip contest where people would enter tulips from their gardens. This was done in the past. We will look into this as a future project.

Van Vreed's is donating a TV for back room and front entry. Each one will have a blue-ray player.

Upcoming events: Appleton Historical Society is having a tour of the locks from Appleton to Little Chute. Gene is giving a talk to the group when they come to the Little Chute Lock. Next Wednesday a group from Sherwood is touring the windmill. A number of bike tours have been going through Little Chute. Gene gave one group a tour of Church.

We are thinking of having the Cemetery walk again next spring.

Dick made motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Gene. All were in favor. The meeting was closed at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Mischler, Secretary, Little Chute Historical Society