

Little Chute Historical Society

June 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Virgie Janssen at 5:30 at the Little Chute Windmill meeting room. Members present: Gene & Virgie Janssen, Paul West, Faye Grosek-Woods, Julie Coenen, Peter & Mary Arts, Carol Van Boxel, Dennis Graf, Cindy Carter, and Linda McDaniel. Guests: Bonnie Lutzewitz & Jeff Filen

We reviewed the treasure's report. Paul stated that there are new gifts in the windmill gift shop in the lobby. The sales from the windmill & the historical society need to be kept straight. There are different label for each. Credit cards can be used for both. Virgie stated that they are working on getting ornaments. A demo will take place soon. The will be e-mailed to members to review. Gene made a motion to accept the report and Julie seconded. The treasurer's report was approved.

Paul West stated there were 2 corrections on the minutes from last month. Kurt Kloehn's name was corrected. A book with maps from Dan Versteegen will be given to the historical group. The 1939 wedding dress and the one piece swimsuit were picked up. Cindy made a motion to accept the secretary's and Carol seconded. All approved the minutes from last month.

We want to thank Carol for the tour of the Kaukauna Library. Everyone felt it was a great tour. Carol and her 3 helpers are working on files for the Little Chute deaths, weddings and special events recorded in the Kaukauna Times Newspaper. One is working on 1947-1959, another is working on 1930-1946, and one from 1919-1929. These events can be read about on the web site under the Kaukauna Library and then going to the library to get copies.

The cheese fest donated \$5000 to the windmill in the past. We are hoping that they will continue to do the same but it is too big of a job for us to continue to be at Cheesefest. It was determined that we will not sell their shirts or have a booth at the cheese fest next year. We should still get the \$5000 from the festival. Gene said he will bring this up at the board meeting tomorrow.

The Little Chute band will play at the windmill plaza on August 24th.

The nurse hats from the past will be taken back and will be put on display at another date.

Paul stated that there are only 8 or 10 cemetery books left. It was suggested that we print as is and update with the new deaths. We should think about this and bring it up in the Fall. The new books will then be available for Jan. 2017.

Gene talked to a woman who will be donating an original beautiful painting. It is like the copy of the one in the lobby of the windmill.

We will be donating a \$25 grant to the state of Wisconsin Historical. This money will be used for a History Fair (much like a science fair) that the state puts on. The fair is for students all over the state. This was accepted by Cindy and seconded by Carol. Approved by all.

Jeff passed around some coins (1804 Spanish & a 1847 coin) that he found while metal detecting at Heesackers Park. He has found many wonderful items. Some Indian artifacts. He and his wife have found things in the river too-some very large pieces of copper (5 3/4 lbs). Jeff also brought in some books about the Brillard and the St Louis families. They are very informative and even had lots of pictures. The St Louis family is one of the 1st families in Little Chute. It was very interesting to hear all about his adventures and all of the things that he has found. A discussion followed.

Bonnie wanted to know about where her mother lived. The house was where the Village Hall & fire station was built in 1939. It was across from the now post office. Virgie showed the pages in the century book regarding her family.

Faye suggested that we get a group together to go through all of the things we have in the basement. We have lots of stuff. We can decide what to keep. Newspaper clipping, pictures, etc. Carol suggested that we form a committee at the next meeting and lay out a plan. Ellen and Virgie have already started some of this filing.

Faye also suggested that we interview elderly people regarding their lives in Little Chute. They could be videoed or just use a microphone. They have lots of knowledge and we should not let it be lost. Virgie stated that they did some of this in the past. We could get high school students to do this as a project. We should come up with a list of some names. We will need to lay out a plan at the August meeting.

There will be no July meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Linda McDaniel
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