

Little Chute Historical Society

August 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Virgie Janssen at 5:30 at the Little Chute windmill meeting room.

Members present: Gene & Virgie Janssen, Paul West, Julie M. Coenen, Carol VanBoxtel, Faye M. Grosek-Woods, Dick Evers, Dennis Graf, Cindy Carter, Kathy & Joe DeBruin, Linda McDaniel and new members Dale K. Siebers and Rosie Hietpas

We reviewed the minutes from the June meeting. Carol noted that the minutes stated that you needed to go to the Kaukauna Library to get copies of the information from the Kaukauna Times regarding deaths, weddings, etc; You can download them to your own computer at the history site.

The treasurer's report was also discussed. Paul made copies of the sales made at the windmill. It was thru July and not August. The sales looked very good. He will order more post cards, but only the ones that were selling. The treasurer's report and the minutes were accepted by Carol and seconded by Dick.

Ellen made copies of the new Christmas ornament. It will look like our windmill & visitor center. It is to scale and should fit in the same box as the old ones fit into. We do not have an exact cost yet. Everyone liked the new ornament and voted to go ahead with it.

Faye asked about the \$5000 from the CheeseFest. Virgie stated that we would not receive it until the end of the year.

Paul is working on the cemetery books with the two options.

Paul & Ellen are working on a new project. It is about the first 3 ships coming to Little Chute. They will try to identify the passengers and then make a list of their dependents. They will also try to get pictures (maybe from drawings) of the ships. There are some pictures of some passengers. They did identify a John Wigman and his brother Henry. They noted that they have "quotes" from John regarding a "storm on Easter Sunday". John became a famous lawyer in Green Bay and Henry died in the civil War. Some of the passengers went to Ohio and some to Missouri. There was even a woman who stayed in Boston because her baby was due. This will be a winter project and they will try to have it ready by Spring. It should be very interesting. Thank you Paul & Ellen.

Julie told a story about a Dennis Verstegen who was on another later ship. His parents died on the ship and he was "adopted" by the John Verstegen family. He found out this when he went back to Holland. He does not know his real family's name. He was very disappointed to not be a real Verstegen.

Cindy Carter stated that the Appleton Historical Society has events 3 times a year where they invite anyone with pictures or information regarding the history of Appleton to attend the history fair. There are themes for each of the events.

Larry Janssen took a very beautiful picture of the windmill during the winter. He won 2nd prize for the photo in the Fox Cities Magazine's contest. The photo will be enlarged and hung at the Outagamie Airport. He is the son of Virgie & Gene Janssen and he is a head miller at the windmill.

The picture is titled "A Winter Morning" and is truly a beautiful picture.

At the September meeting we will have guests: Wilem Roovers and Wilem Keeris. They are from Holland. We will be looking forward to seeing them.

We all worked on either correcting a part of the historical books or alphabetizing and putting prayer cards into scrap books.

Faye made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Cindy. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Linda McDaniel
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