

Little Chute Historical Society
August 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Virgie Janssen at 5:30. Members present: Virgie Janssen, Faye Grosek-Woods, Paul West, Jane Vanden Heuvel, Carol Van Boxtel, Ellen Mischler, Dennis Graf, Mary and Peter Arts, Kathy and Joe Debruin, Dick Evers, Dale Siebers, Linda McDaniel, and from Holland our special guest, Willem Keeris.

Minutes of the last meeting (June) were accepted by Ellen and 2nd by Carol and then approved by all.

The treasurer's report was accepted by Dennis and 2nd by Jane and then approved by all. Paul noted that the windmill owes for last month. Everyone agreed that Paul has been doing a great job!! Thank you Paul.

The article in the Times Villager (July 8th) regarding the display of three ships has brought lots of interest and lots of work for Paul. Paul stated that he has been inundated with requests for family histories. Again thank you Paul for all that you do.

Faye received an e-mail from Adam Breest (Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director) regarding the ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch at Heesakker Park (Oct1st). He requested help from us regarding this project-pictures and document of the site. We voted on this request and we decided to decline it.

Paul showed a proposed price list for our pictures (over 1000). It was decided that we stop selling CDs of pictures and that we would have control over how we sell any pictures. This proposed list will also include 4 x6 pictures and have the date on the list. Paul will use his discretion in some cases on charges. We will try this process for one year and then re-adjust if needed. It was accepted by Faye and 2nd by Ellen. All approved.

Faye received information regard a spinning wheel owned by the Kilsdonk family from Little Chute on Wilson Street. They would like to donate it to us. We would like to have more information regarding the wheel. The Grignon home is also interested in a small spinning wheel and we may trade the one that we have for the Kilsdonk wheel.

Carol gave us information regarding talks to be held at the Kaukauna Library. The first one will be on 9-20 from 1-2 pm. It is about the Charles and Emma Stribley Family. He worked for Thilmany and had inventions for paper machines. Should be very interesting.

The next one will be on 10-18 from 1-2 pm. It will show the adventures of Meade Richardson, Kaukauna photographer.

Carol also had information regarding books for sale at the library. One of the Books: "130 Memories and Stories From Kaukauna and Neighboring Area" would be of rich history for us here from Little Chute. We will keep the pamphlets here at the windmill regarding these books.

Faye suggested that we work with the schools and children regarding the history of Little Chute and the windmill. We could read stories, show maps and flags, give color sheets, etc. Let them know about the Treaty of the Cedars and stories of the past. We will need to contact the schools. Faye would like anyone interested in helping with this to let her know. More ideas are also very welcomed.

Paul and Faye have been working on organizing the items and pictures every Wed from 11-1. Jane has also helped alot. If anyone has time on Wednesdays, please come and help too. There are many things to help with- you do not have to determine who is in the pictures.

The Gillett Area Historical Society is hosting an event on Friday, 9-8. The Wisconsin Council for Local History and the Wisconsin Historical Society will share timely updates about upcoming statewide initiatives and events.

It will be held at the Gillett Community Center, 200 East Main Street, Gillett.

There is also a conference on Oct. 21st in LaCrosse, WI which Paul attended last year.

Willem donated the book "Dutch Roots" and a commemorative coin with a windmill on it. Thank you Willem. It will be a great book for us to use. It was good that you could come to Little Chute again!

The meeting was brought to a close. First accepted was Carol and then Dick 2nd it and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McDaniel, Secretary
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