

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2016 – 9:30AM

Meeting called to order: Dan Christopherson.

Board Members Present: Dan Christopherson, Gloria Hensley, Caitlin Collier, Lisa Johnson, Ruth Bylander, Maxine Johnson, Marvin Walz, Judy Sullivan, Barb Campbell, Erin Burrow, Ann Severson, Cleo Erickson, Wess Pravacek, Jim Stone. **Not present:** Art Rusch.

Minutes: Gloria moved to adopt the agenda; Cleo seconded. Marvin moved to approve minutes from the April 18 annual meeting; Gloria seconded. Dan requested \$250 to pay Heck's BBQ for two events – Annual Meeting and Vermillion City Council Social. Caitlin moved to pay; Gloria seconded. The financial report was approved.

Wess reported that 80 first graders visited the log school house in May. She is also coordinating an effort to rearrange the rooms upstairs to make the area more appealing and useful. There will be a wedding at the AWH on June 24th. She would like to have this project done by then. She is also working on having Monday music events in the gazebo during the summer.

Old Business: The CCHS Annual Meeting/Social was a successful event. At least 6 new memberships were added. The wine was donated by Vermillion Wine & Liquor. Food was catered by Heck's BBQ.

The Vermillion City Council met at the AWH in April. This was great PR for the Historical Society, as many members of the council had never been to the AWH.

Dan presented a Knoxbox to the board. It is a box that would be attached to the house with a key in it, for emergency access by the Fire dept. and Police in case of an emergency. The cost of the box is \$205.00. Caitlin moved to approve the purchase; seconded by Barb.

Jim Stone has been working on the cupola fixing the windows. He has ordered combination windows to protect the existing wooden windows. Maxine moved to approve the project; Gloria seconded.

New Business: Caitlin suggested that we move our general checking account from First Dakota National Bank to First Bank and Trust, where we have our 'Preserving the Past' account. These would be separate accounts. Motion carried. Caitlin will send the resolution to Lisa to sign and send back to her.

The Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016. Co-Chairs are Judy, Wess and Maxine. This year we need to clear \$2,000.00. We discussed having train rides, school house tours, and other possible options to get younger families to attend. Lisa is Chair of the food. Rain option is the Eagles Club.

Keys to AWH: Caitlin, Dan, Wess, Jim, Gary, Gloria, Ann, Judy and Joe.

Police Department call list: Dan, Erin and Wess.

Dan has provided a list of projects that he would like the board to prioritize. Everyone is to make their list and send it to Dan. We will have a Special Meeting for this project on Tuesday, May 24 at 9:30 am. Caitlin suggested forming a committee for the priority list.

Newsletter: Judy has agreed to continue working with the newsletter.

Grants: Ruth would like the board members to submit a brief resume so she can create a grants file. This will establish a credibility file for work on grants. Caitlin suggested applying for a federal grant for experts in conservation and historic homes. Caitlin will also give Ruth a list of grants to look at that we can discuss further. Maxine moved to have Caitlin move forward on the National Assessment Grant due July 2, 2016; Judy seconded.

Other: Wess and Dan continue to work on a suitable brochure for the AWH and CCHS. Erin will help on a membership brochure. Judy would like to follow up on a log school house brochure. Gloria and Erin will work together to form a Facebook account for the CCHS, Erin will Chair the Publications Committee. Maxine made a motion to adjourn; Erin seconded.

Lisa Johnson
CCHS Recording Secretary
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