

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING SEPT. 7, 2017 AT THE DEPOT

After a great potluck supper was served, the meeting was called to order by President, Dennis Lear. Jack Rhodes discussed the Wisconsin Historical Society Foundation Board hope to raise 55 million across the State for a future museum – Gov. Walker to put the balance in future budgets in 2 years.

All present Board Members were introduced – absent were Kent Pegorsch, Brian Godfrey, June Johnson & Lori Chesnut. Terms needing renewal for 3 years are: Nancy Weasner, Kent Pegorsch, Ron Arthur & Ashlie Buck. . Dave Trombla was appointed (in June to fill Bob Kessler's position) as Treasurer by the Board . Ron made a motion to accept all, Bill Riemer seconded & all approved. Dennis recognized (by name) the Business Partners..

REPORTS: Dave Trombla recognized Bob Kessler's past work as Treasurer for many years. Bob also worked for the Waupaca Triathlon & his excellent reporting systems are fondly missed. Dave hopes to try to fill his tasks.

Tracy, Director: The Annual 2016 Minutes were summarized. We try to do a program every month and hope to continue this. The next one will be Sept. 21 on WWI . We provide refreshments & fees for programs & wish to obtain sponsors for them. We shall hold a Paint & Sip event for a fundraiser. There were 200 more visitors to the Depot & Hutchinson House than we had last year. Ashlie and I are preparing a new Holly Center exhibit. We have been active in many groups in our community. The WHS had more than 800 likes on Facebook. Some textiles are being moved from the H. H. to the Holly Center.

Mike, Depot: We are continuing on the basement projects including Ms. Benitz's art work. More china has been placed in the cases. The potato car is here & the story was in the Reporter. The Boy Scouts added a handicap ramp. I worked on my own caboos. Many thanks to Jeff Weasner & Dave Trombla and many other helpers who staff the Depot. Jeff, Depot: Jan. to Sept. we had 1986 visitors We had 33 events at the Depot Many groups came from other towns, states & countries -800 more visitors than last year. Bill Riemer showed & spoke about the Band poster. Tracy asked if we could display it at the Holly Center during off season times. Mike did the drawing on top of the banner.

Barbara (Hutchinson House) We did a scavenger hunt & button curling for the kids. We made & gave leaving cloth dolls. We used the King Cottage for small groups. The Recreation Center after school kids came one afternoon . Thanks to Nancy & Jeff Weasner who took off the stairwell wallpaper & painted it & the stairs. Thanks to all our docents (named) who also did the 4th grade class tours (7) in Fall. Mike Hamalka, Ruby & Barry Shaw & Jerry & Chris Chappell docented for us & retired – many thanks. Mike & Jeff thanks for the new brick walkway . High School students came for spring cleanup. Many visitors came from afar. Former renters who lived at the HH came too. We can always use more docents. I will be going to the 4 grade classes before their tour. Of HH. Mara Benzinger is a new docent. I will be leaving Waupaca later this year.

Julie Hintz motioned we adjourn, Nancy Weasner seconded; all approved.

Betty Stewart, Recording Secretary

