

WAUPACA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING DEC. 14, 2017

PRESENT: Dennis Lear, Kent Pegorsch, Mike Kirk, Ron Arthur, Ashlie Buck, Nancy & Jeff Weasner, JJ, Brian Godfrey, Tracy Berendt, Dave Trombla and Betty Stewart. EXCUSED: Marge Witt & Lori Chesnut

President Dennis called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The revised Annual September Minutes with corrections presented; JJ motioned approval, Nancy seconded, all approved. On the November Minutes corrections included "Cody will play Santa Claus at the Depot. We did purchase 32 mini HO trains to resell.". With those corrections Kent motioned approval, Brian seconded, all approved. Agenda OK as is.

DEPOT REPORT BY MIKE: Discussion of furnace sensor. Working on the last Depot window. Brian helped put up more insulation. The snowblower is at Hansen for repair. 38 visitors came to see Santa Claus. Working on the security system. Need for a furnace temperature sensor & need to have proper antifreeze put into the radiators. Brian suggested we send a letter to Woolsey about the work not done yet. All this work needs a licensed plumber. Mike will keep reminding him. Mike presented the framed poster that Ken Dequaine donated to the WHS. Send Jan Hanke a sympathy card due to the death of Vern her husband.

Director's Report: Presented. The Hutchinson House Curator position ad was placed on our website, our Facebook Page & the 2 local newspapers. No response yet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dennis thanked Tracy for speaking at the City Council on our behalf & giving them a report.

NEW BUSINESS: Ashlie volunteered to be on the board of the Waupaca Historic Preservation Committee.

Betty motioned to adjourn, Ron seconded, all agreed.

Betty Stewart
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 4, 2018 AT 5:15 P.M.

Director's Board Report
Waupaca Historical Society
January 4, 2018

The annual fundraising letter went out just before Thanksgiving. So far, we have raised \$2,749.00 of the \$2,000 projected. We also sent out our membership renewal letter in mid-December and have received about half back. I plan to send a reminder in the next couple weeks. The Business Partner letters will go out next week.

We have some great programs coming up. We are still looking for sponsors for our programs in 2018, in addition to ideas for programs:

Thursday, January 18th at 6 p.m.: "Remembering the Battle of the Bulge" with Eric Percy (SPONSOR: VFW)

Thursday, February 22nd at 6 p.m.: "Beekeeping: From Waupaca to the Jungles of Nicaragua" with Kent Pegorsch (POSSIBLE SPONSOR: MAIN STREET MARKETPLACE)

March: OPEN

Thursday, April 19th at 6 p.m.: "Quilts of the Past: The Civil War" with Alison Rainboth

May: OPEN

Thursday, June 14th at 6 p.m.: "Past, Present and Future of the Danes Hall" with Jack Koehler

I am still in the process of nailing down programs in March and May. Any additional ideas you might have would be great!

I attended the Wisconsin Federation of Museum's annual conference in Cedarburg on Monday, November 6th. I attended a number of thought-provoking sessions and also got to network with other museum professionals. I also visited the Cedarburg History Museum, a new museum, which gave me some ideas for future exhibits.

We advertised the Hutchinson House Curator position early in November through the County Post and the Buyer's Guide. We also have put it up on our website and on our Facebook page. We have not yet received any applications for the position.

On Tuesday, November 21st, I spoke in front of City Council to talk about the great things the Waupaca Historical Society is doing and to thank the City for their support each year. I spoke of our attendance to programs, our buildings and our increased rentals and fundraising. I also mentioned our fundraising campaign. It appeared to be well-received.

We had 186 people attend the Jerry Apps program on December 7th at Trinity Lutheran Church. We had many wonderful comments about our program (and past programs) and also received \$65 in donations. Thank you to all that helped with the program!

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Behrendt
Director, WHS