



**ALTOONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024**

The Altoona Historical Society met at the Museum located at 506-9th Street West, Altoona, WI. President Don Winrich called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance sited.

BOARD MEMBER PRESENT: Don Winrich-President, Mark Quam-Vice President, Jim Hager-Treasurer, Karen McCoury-Secretary, Roger Rasmussen-Parliamentarian, John Glassbrenner-Historian, Dawn Severson, Dan Hanson, Lee Lundgren

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jim Klingbeil, Nathan Harris

Members/Guests: Vicki Iverson, Herb Ruscin, Nancy Flaskrud

February 2024 Minutes Mark Quam motioned to approve minutes, Lee Lundgren second the motion. Minutes approved

Financial Report given by Jim Hager---Dan Hanson motioned to approve report, John Glassbrenner second the motion. Financial Report approved.

Correspondence:

Dan Hanson provided a picture of Hillcrest Golf course, Cherie Meyer dropped off a framed Hugdahl beer ticket signed by Tony Hugdahl. Don Winrich updated members on Semish Family picture board we received from the Altoona Library

Catalogit:

Karen McCoury gave update on Catalogit. We now have 101 items in the museum cataloged.

Calendar:

Vicki Iverson gave update on 2025 Calendar plans discussing some ideas for pages.

Facility Maintenance

Don Winrich advised the broken window will be addressed within the next few weeks since it is warmer out.

2024 Project List

Mark Q suggested we pick 5 top items that need to be addressed in 2024. Painting was the #1 item. John Glassbrenner will get quotes on prepping building for painting from an outside company. Dawn Severson and Roger Rasmussen volunteered to split the prepping costs and pay them. Western Dairyland will paint and have advised Don Winrich it will more than likely be the week of June 17. The building will be painted to match the current Fish House.

John Glassbrenner discussed the idea of a Fundraiser and how it could be set up with a goal of how much money we are trying to raise along with what projects are needed to be done. This will be discussed further at our May meeting. ate

Newsletter

A newsletter update was given by Don Winrich; it was decided to send out a newsletter two times a year, once in fall and once in spring. The newsletter that Don has prepared will be our first one to be sent. It will be reviewed to see if additions should be made. John Glassbrenner is getting quotes for printing online.

Roger Rasmussen made a motion the newsletter will be done by the Publication Committee which consists of the secretary and 2 or more additional board members or volunteers. Lee Lundgren second this motion, the newsletter going forward will be handled by Karen McCoury along with assistance from John Glassbrenner, Vicki Iverson, Herb Ruscini, Lee Lundgren and Mark Quam. Don Winrich wanted it on record he did not agree with the committee handing the newsletter going forward

Open House Update

Dates and volunteers were discussed; see below:

June 8, 2024 Vicki Iverson (lead person); Dawn Severson

July 13, 2024 Mark Quam (lead person); Herb Ruscini

August 10, 2024 Mark Quam (lead person); Dawn Severson

September 14, 2024 Vicki Iverson (lead person); John Glassbrenner

The volunteers are not set in stone as things may change as the date gets closer

Fire Department Donations

Dan Hanson gave update on items the Fire Dept had donated or loaned to AHSI. These items consist of videos, slides, projectors, artifacts, patches, nozzles, pictures, etc.

Membership List

Karen McCoury provided an updated membership list; this list will be updated as names and families provide their information.

Museum Building

Don Winrich stated that Mike Golat, Altoona City Administrator will be guest speaker at our May meeting.

The city advised Don Wintich the 10th street building will not see much movement in 2024; our interest will reiterated to Mike Golat at our May meeting.

AHSI Changes

Vicki Iverson provided a draft membership/donation form. This will be combined into one form and included in our mailing of the newsletter; sent via email to members, added to website, etc. It suggests a membership donation per person and/or family.

Discussion was had about plaques for donators who give a larger sum of money.

Calendar cost for ads was discussed to be raised from \$200 to \$250; Jim Hager motioned to raise the ad fee to \$250 for 2025 calendar. Lee Lundgren second the motion. Ad fees for 2025 will be \$250.

Future Guest Speakers

May speaker will be Mike Golat; no other speakers have been put in place going forward

Stanley Museum Visit

Agreement by board to set up visit to Stanley Museum; a date will be set at a later meeting.

National Night Out

Don Winrich will be lead person for National Night out on August 6, 2024 at River Prairie Park. Dawn Severson advised she will assist.

Additional Business/Discussion

Roger Rasmussen suggested we talk to Wisconsin Historical Society to see what kind of funds they have available. Mark Quam will email Janet Seymour to get this conversation started.

Jim Hager motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mark Quam second the motion.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted;

Karen McCoury

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dan Hanson advised he talked with Chippewa Valley Museum to see if they have special verbiage in their By-Laws with regards to social media and they do not. Roger Rasmussen did state we will need to add additional language to our By-Laws to cover social media.

Dan Hanson stated he was approached by the Altoona Fire Dept. on items they will donate to AHSI. Two of them are available immediately which include a fire extinguisher and a hose cart from approximately 1900. Additional items will be available and must be obtained prior to April 1, 2024. This could include pictures, articles and many other items which is not determined at this time.

A motion was made by Dawn Severson to accept a fire extinguisher and hose cart now and other items as they are made available based on agreement that if we do not need or cannot use items they can be disposed. Lee Lundgren second the motion. Motion passed.

Lee Lundgren moved to adjourn the meeting, Roger Rasmussen second motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen (Sloat) McCoury