

HAHS Minutes

April 24, 2023

Attendees: Janet Boyer, Carol Desch, Mary Kirstein, Kelly Knobloch, Norm Krueger, Myrna Masching, Monica Ruder, Dennis Schwark, Jane Schwark, Ron Shank, Wendy Skarstad, Bob Voss, Cindy Witheft, and Judy Witheft

Call to Order: Mary Kirstein, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Minuets were read by Co Secretary Cindy Witheft. Carol Desch noted that Glancy/Gernon should be added to the history of the Anderson House and Janet Boyer noted that Judy Witheft will also be helping with interviews. Judy Witheft made a motion to accept the minuets and Janet Boyer second the motion, which passed with corrections.

Treasurer report was given for February and March. Wendy Skarstad noted a correction in donations. Myrna will give an update on reports in the future.

Old Business

- **Membership-** Judy Witheft and Carol Desch gave a report on the recent newsletters sent out, 182 emails and 65 mailed copies.
- **Correspondence and Publications-** Janet Boyer is contacting people for names to interview in the future.
- **Event-** Kelly Knobloch gave a report on the Sports Baseball Event being held on June 25, from 1-3 pm at the Museum and the Athletic Club. The consensus of the group is to charge \$5.00 for Members and \$10.00 for nonmembers. Refreshments will be

served using a ball park theme. Kelly is currently requesting donations for prizes from Chicago Cubs and White Sox Teams, Peoria Chiefs and Joliet Jack Hammers. Advertising has begun on Facebook and flyers are being prepared.

- **Building and Grounds-** Anderson House – Grandfather Clock has been installed and Norm Krueger has repaired the clock. New pictures have been donated and Mary has been adding to displays. Bob Voss gave a report that the branch has been removed which was hanging close to lines.

Main Street Museum- Bob Voss gave a report on an awning for the Main Street Museum; the awning will be red with the word Museum in gray and white lettering.

Annex -Jane Schwark updated the Cupula project and that the weather vane will have a horse and carriage on the top. Kelly Knobloch made a motion for Jane to order the cupula package with a cost of less than \$700.00, motion was second by Dennis Schwark and the motion passed.

- **Memorials (Plazas) & Pavers-** Carol Desch and Mary Kirstein reported we will be using Pontiac Granite.
- **Fundraising-** Grant Research- Mary Kirstein reported that Tammy Gray has volunteered to help with Grant Writing and fundraising. They will be working on a grant with the Institute of Museum and Library services later this fall.

New Business

- **Displays/Research-** Betty Plante is currently working in the Family Research area doing filing by family name. Mary said that we are missing recent year books from Herscher. Ron Shank made a motion for Kelly Knobloch to order a current yearbook for \$60.00 and Dennis Schwark second the motion which passed.
- **Labor Day-** Mary Kerstein suggested that we have an entry in the parade showing multiple generations to showcase the Museums are for all ages. We will need to have a plan in action by July
- **Miscellaneous-** Carol Desch made a motion for Jane Schwark to purchase items at an estate sale with a budget not to exceed \$500.00 and Ron Shank second the motion which passed.

Carol Desch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Monica Ruder seconded the motion, which passed.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy and Debbie Witheft