

## HAHS Minutes

July 24, 2023

Attendees: Carol Desch, Mary Kirstein, Kelly Knobloch, Myrna Masching, Dennis Schwark, Jane Schwark, Ron Shank, Wendy Skarstadt, Bob Voss, Cindy Witheft, Debbie Witheft, and Judy Witheft.

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

**Minutes-** Carol Desch made a correction that the Herscher Plaza should be called Herscher Historical Plaza. Wendy Skarstadt made a motion to approve the minutes with the one correction and Carol Desch seconded the motion which passed.

**Treasurer's Report-** Myrna Masching presented the current Treasurer report and explained that the new format is a work in progress. One correction was noted that the phone/internet for the month was wrong and will be corrected. Carol Desch made a motion to file the report for audit. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

**Take me Out to the Ballgame** was held on June 25<sup>th</sup> with 50 people attending the event. We have received positive feedback and everyone who attended felt the event was successful.

**Annex Project-** Jane Schwark gave an update on the Cupula for the top of the Annex, cupula and weather vane has been ordered and will arrive in the next week. Cost for the cupula was \$583.00 and was

purchased at Menards. Jane will need to have someone check the roof and structure before a decision can be made on installation.

Jane showed the grain cradle which she purchased at an auction for \$115.00. She showed a video which talked about the history of the cradle and how it was used.

**Building and Grounds-** Bob Voss gave a report on the lawn grooming which has been done. The museum has been painted gray and the awning and door will be completed within the next 2 weeks. We discussed having a mural on the Southside of the museum. Some ideas were to have 2 murals. Some suggestions were to showcase farming/agriculture and history of the railroad.

**Memorials and Pavers-** Mary gave an update of the pavers using Pontiac Granite and the cost will remain the same. It was suggested we need to get the pavers to Pontiac to be engraved and looking at the areas for future growth. Wendy Skarstadt suggested that we have a promotion/advertisement for new pavers on Labor Day.

**Labor Day** The theme is "Fire UP". Rodney Schwark will drive a restored pickup in the parade with HAHS banners. We had a discussion on having the Museum and Anderson House open on Labor Day. We also discussed having a booth on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Maple to promote the HAHS. Bob Voss made a motion to have a booth and Debbie Witheft seconded the motion which passed. Kelly Knobloch made a motion not to open on Labor day but to advertise that we could open for private requests. Judy Witheft seconded the motion which passed.

**HAHS Shirts-** Kelly Knobloch gave a report that shirts have been ordered and she will have them the next meeting.

### **New Business**

**Quarterly Newsletter-** Janet Boyer had prepared a list of business owners in the area to interview for future articles. Mary passed out the list for people to volunteer to interview.

**Upcoming Events-** Christmas Bizarre will be November 11, 2023 at Andersen House.

Debbie Witheft made a motion to adjourn and Bob Voss seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy and Debbie Witheft.