

## HAHS Minutes

July 28,2025 5:30

Attendees: Bob Voss,Wendy Skarstad,Myrna Masching,Kelly Knobloch, Carol Desch,Dennis Schwark, Janet Boyer, Judy Witheft, and Mary Kirstein

Call to Order: Mary Kirstein, President, called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm

Secretary Minutes: Kelly Knobloch made a motion to accept the minutes and Carol Desch seconded. The motion passed. It was noted in the absence of Cindy and Debbie Witheft, Judy Witheft will take minutes for this meeting.

Treasurers Report: Myrna Masching discussed the June report. Checking account balance, which is on the report, \$7,610.54 does not include 2 outstanding checks. The total balance of \$22,589.39 does not include a CD for \$10,500. Which will be due on September 25, 2025. Question was asked about the \$5,000.00 transfer of funds that was made without board input. No action taken. Kelly questioned about the large increase in Insurance that was paid . Noted with costs going up on so many things this cost is also increased (2024 \$\$4172. –2025 cost -\$6,125.00) After a discussion. Janet Boyer asked Kelly Knobloch to look into other insurance companies cost comparing equal coverage – Wendy will be available to provide documentation for current policy. Wendy noted that 5 areas are covered on our current policy. Discussion on payment of bills which are over the current approved Budget. Procedure to be – if over current budget and email should be sent to all Board members before bill should be paid stating amounts, due dates, and other details. If a board meeting is after due date Finance Committee should call a special meeting of Board. Looking at our current Budget we have gone over the approved budget. Kelly motioned to move \$300. From Advertising to Buildings and grounds and to move \$200. From Newsletter to office supply . Judy seconded the motion. Motion approved. Myrna should have approval of all bills before being paid – if routine bills have been initialed and available funds are in the Budget OK to pay. If she has any questions on a bill an email should be sent to all board members asking for details.

### New Business

Karl Kruse will be welcomed at our August Meeting.

### Buildings & Grounds

Bob Voss noted that furnace filter has been changed and air conditioning freon has been checked per his call to Joe Peterson. Dennis noted he has cleaned all the air conditioning filters in the Anderson house. Should be done at least every other year. It was noted that a LED OPEN sign was donated by Mary Kerstein for Main Street. Will need to be added to the

setup and shut down procedure for opening/closing Main Street Museum. Mary asked Board if anyone had any building concerns – none noted.

#### Events & Programs

Labor Day - Mary noted Village has approved the placement of the corn wagon for Labor Day (same area as last year). 2025 Labor Day – Rodney will drive his truck with HAHS sign. Main Street and Anderson and Main Street will be open Sunday, August 31 Main Street 1-3 (covered by ??????) Monday, September 1, 12-2 (will need volunteers to cover/ volunteer at our August meeting for both ) Mary will ask Susan Cox Fortin to demonstrate the loom both days and she will contact Herscher Pilot with information.

Monthly Coverage - Judy noted that our first Sunday in August – August 3 , 1-3 , Anderson covered by Janet Boyer, Main Street covered by Mary Kirstein. September 7 1-3 at Main street (Bob will cover) Anderson House 1-3 – covered by ??????

Plow Down – Rodney Schwark will be having the Plow Down, Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We will provide items for the Food Auction. Janet Boyer will take information on who will donated items - email Janet or bring your info to the August meeting. Noted that a large number of items are not needed.

Corn Bowl – Carol noted that approximately 48 people went thru the Main Street Museum. The visible table placed in front of the Museum was an encouragement for people to come over and then inside.

Veterans' presentation – Mary still waiting for updates from Leiser family

Abstracts – Judy noted that people have come and taken boxes to go thru and then returned. Judy will be responsible for taking abstracts to Kankakee County Records office in early August.

#### Finance & Fundraising

Kelly reported that the fall dinner is postponed for this fall due to members not feeling enough time to plan. The Strawberry project will be follow-up on and info brought back to board by Kelly.

Christmas Sale Event – Judy gave dates that the event has been scheduled for Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2-7 and Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 9-3. More details to come . Noted that our Christmas open house has been set for Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Displays –

Mentioned that there is room for more items. Mary has contacted a few people and waiting for information that hopefully can be added before Labor Day. Next Display which is in January – a topic should be determined so plans and a chairman of the display can be established.

Newsletter – Should be going out in early August. All info has been sent to Jenny and waiting on our draft for approval.

Other – Judy asked about membership fees for 2026. Discussed the current costs of printing and mailing newsletters. Was noted that in 2025 we had 37 members that did not join from previous year, 2024 – 19 members did not join, and 2023 – 14 members not joining. With our expenses rising possibly increasing membership to \$40.00 or \$50..00 and mail everyone out the 3 Newsletters and she also suggested that a separate mailing should go out for membership in early October. Discussion was tabled for the August meeting.

Kelly Knobloch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 Bob Voss seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:30.

Judy Witheft acting Secretary for Cindy and Debbie Witheft.