

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Roger Bergan
Mike Meyer
Janelle Pavlovec
Dean Thompson

Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting
August 6, 2011
8:30 A.M.
Old Jail

Members present: Mike Meyer, Ferneva Brimacomb, Elizabeth Lorentzen,, David, Stanley, Janelle Pavlovec, Julia Rude
guest: Kyril Henderson, representing the Decorah Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting brought to order by David Stanley
Ferneva moved to accept the minutes of the June meeting and Dean seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report by Elizabeth

- *Donlan's Healthmart is carrying guides and books; guides are selling steadily.
- *The Board of Supervisor's appropriations of \$1800 came through.
- *Luther is selling books on consignment; Winneshiek Hotel is also selling; they have sold 30 copies.
- *Decorah Genealogy sold 4.
- * \$102 was withdrawn for cash at Nordic Fest; it has been redeposited; 6 books sold;
 - *David Anderson was paid \$720 for work on the Calmar Depot.
- * Money spent on signs made at copyland and for Walmart umbrella and clear rubbermaid for books and guides - all of this for Nordic Fest
- *The money market account is down to 1.15% interest
- *More than half of Vera Harris book copies have sold

Dean moved to approve the treasurer's report; Mike seconded; motion approved unanimously

Old Business

Caretaker's House report will be done by the end of the year to submit to the Commission.

New Business

Preservation Workshop

Kyril addressed the commission and stated that the Decorah Historic Preservation Commission had been contacted by Paula Mohr about hosting the state wide

preservation conference for two days in 2012- an event which occurs every 2 years; Kyril suggested a collaborative effort by WCHPC, ft Atkinson CLG and the Decorah Historic Preservation Commission.

A CLG grant is available to defray costs for this event to be held in May or fall of 2012 Ottumwa spent less than \$3000 for their workshop.

This would meet the requirement for annual training.

Probably 150 to 250 people would attend.

Kyril's commission has voted to accept the invitation contingent upon our decision Paul Hexom is the Vice- Chair and could be contacted because Kyril will be out of town next week.

WCHPC requested actual expenditures and attendance numbers from past meetings and so Kyril will contact Paula about these questions and will let Steve know. We have a little over \$1000 available.

A decision on this was tabled. David will contact Steve and Roger. If there are questions, Paul Hexom will be contacted.

Ferneva reported on the Oct 1 date for our workshop - Ferneva will contact Bill Sherman Humanities Iowa.

David moved to spend the \$50 for Humanities Iowa for the speaker; Janelle seconded it; motion carried unanimously. The workshop needs to be open to the public free of charge.

General discussion followed of possible workshop ideas and pros and cons of hosting the state- wide conference this year or in two years.

A Vera Harris tour is tentatively planned for the last weekend in August. Elizabeth will call Steve Tjossem for the cost of a bus and will advertise; an article will be in Decorah newspaper about the kiosks downtown.

David moved that we support Elizabeth for the Vera Harris bus tour, Dean seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

The Caretaker's House appears not to be eligible for national register at the national level but has local historic significance; a general discussion was held of some of the research findings from this spring and summer.

Elizabeth moved to adjourn, David seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40