

## WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**Steven Johnson, Chairperson**  
**David Stanley, Secretary**  
**Elizabeth Lorentzen, Treasurer**

**Julia Rude**  
**Ferneva Brimacomb**  
**Roger Bergan**  
**Mike Meyer**  
**Janelle Pavlovec**  
**Dean Thompson**

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting  
June 11, 2011  
8:30 A.M.**

**Vesterheim Westby-Torgerson Education Center**

Members present: Roger, Ferneva Brimacomb, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Steve Johnson, David, Stanley, Janelle Pavlovec, Julia Rude

Meeting brought to order by Steve Johnson

It was a general consensus that Julie will now do the minutes of the meetings as co-secretary and David will continue as co-secretary for correspondence

Ferneva moved to accept the minutes of the May meeting and Elizabeth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report by Elizabeth**

beginning balance 1321.91.

receipts from Vera Harris \$160

more receipts that haven't been deposited

no disbursements

current balance \$1481.91

Elizabeth has requested the allotment from the Board of Supervisors and hopefully we can receive that soon after July 1st.

money market acct - interest paid to date \$62.14 on \$17000

CD \$19500.

David received the documentation from David Anderson

Johnson suggested we use the Vera Harris money to pay David Anderson on a short term basis until we receive the \$1800 from the Board of Supervisors

David moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Roger seconded, motion approved unanimously

### **Old Business**

Bolz has the data on the Caretaker's House but hasn't culminated the report; should be complete by the end of the year. More info on the house might be found in Decorah newspaper microfilm in Decorah Genealogy Association in lower level of library. David had someone look for info at the Court House and didn't find much. Johnson suggested we check with Deb Bishop. David found the cost to build which was \$4000, a list of caretakers, and the original contractor.

Stanley has done a topographic map and found a number of structures, located the cistern which is filled in; may shovel test the property for archeological purposes; Old dorm may not be eligible for the National Register because of added structure or architectural aspects but may be for its part in the history of the county home; early version of portland cement; no site inventory form found; David will look into that and contact Kyril Henderson, check with other counties; put request on radio or newspaper for photos of the property  
Elizabeth contacted Barb Gavle, but she has no photos  
David Stanley will email the commission about his findings  
Elizabeth will send a check for \$720 to Anderson

### **New Business**

David Rosheim lives in Maquoketa wants to include Vera Harris book in his bibliography of books about Iowa towns; It was decided that this would be a good idea.  
**workshop for this fall** - Ferneva has not gotten a response from Bill Sherman; she will email when she hears from him  
workshop for CLG's required - we need to see if this would qualify as a sanctioned meeting  
each CLG could present about their organization and project in five minutes overviews.  
Iowa Preservation Alliance advertised the workshop last time  
Roger Thomas from Motor Mill might be a possible speaker  
Oct 1st is the tentative date  
we should write to the CLG's to gauge their interest  
By August meeting we need to have a definite plan  
we will wait 2 weeks for a response from Sherman and then ask for a presentation either on Motor Mill or Fort Atkinson mission  
tentative schedule  
9:30 -10 for registration  
10 - 10:45 presentation  
break  
11:15-12:00 presentation  
12:15-1:00 presentation

Bus Tour in August during preservation month  
Once Upon a Time offered to let us sell Harris book and other publications on her lawn during Nordic Fest; she requested we give a donation to Nordic Fest; museum could loan table and chair  
Elizabeth will email about schedule to work for book sale  
we have sold nearly 600 books  
Ferneva reminded us of June 24 exhibit reception of Hjelle family at Vesterheim and book about it for sale

Meeting adjourned