

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

Commissioners: Kevin Lee
Ferneva Brimacomb
Roger Bergan
Rob Shadwick
Mike Meyer

Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting

November 7, 2009

8:30 P.M.

Vesterheim Westby-Torgerson Education Center

Present: Roger Bergan, Ferneva Brimacomb, Dave Stanley, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Steve Johnson, Janelle Pavlovec, and Mike Meyer.

Steve opened the meeting by introducing Mike Meyer to the Commission. Mike was appointed to the Commission by the Board of Supervisors and represents the community of Ossian. Mike will have a three year term (01/01/12) Steve noted that probably the best source for just what the Commission does can be found on the State Historical Society's web site.

The minutes from the September meeting were distributed and reviewed by the Commission. Ferneva moved to approve the minutes and Roger seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Elizabeth presented the treasurer's report with no changes from the September report. Steve mentioned that the yearly allotment from the Board of Supervisors was reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,800.

Janelle updated the Commission in regards to the Calmar Depot National Register nomination. The consultant has photographed and examined the structure and is presently preparing the nomination. Dave and Elizabeth briefed Mike on the process.

Elizabeth outlined the status on the Vera Harris manuscript. She said that it is getting closer and closer to the final edit. It is estimated that there will be 43 pages of text accompanied by 126 photos and approximately 100 footnotes. With a little luck it should be ready for printing early in the spring of 2010. Elizabeth then explained to Mike the background behind the Vera Harris manuscript as well our publication program.

Dave distributed the bio sketch form to Janelle and Mike to fill out. He explained they are necessary for the annual report. Dave also asked the Commission to provide him with all their 2009 activities so that can also be included in the annual report.

Kevin informed the Commission the old carriage house behind the First Lutheran Church in Decorah has been sold. The old carriage house is believed to be the oldest building in Decorah and was recently purchased by Steve Runge. At the moment there are not specific plans for the structure but the new owner is open to suggestions.

Steve asked if we should have a meeting in December and the general consensus was no. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 9th, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.