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Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission meeting at the Karl Schroeder home, Ossian, Iowa. October 8, 2016.

Present: Dave Stanley, Kim Glock, LaVonne Sharp, Roger Bergan, Ferneva Brimacomb, Steve Johnson, Terri Mozzone and John Beard.

Steve opened the meeting with a review of the August meeting minutes. Ferneva moved to approve the minutes and Roger seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Elizabeth was not present but she had sent out the Treasurer's report to all Commission members. Since Elizabeth was not able to present the report LaVonne moved to accept the report but not approve it until the next meeting in November. Kim seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The next topic regarded the Board of Supervisors. John reported that no historic preservation issues had come before the Board since our last meeting.

The Highlandville School project was discussed next. Terri noted that the fund raiser was very successful and the project is proceeding. The paint provided by Diamond Vogel had arrived at the painting contractor's shop. David Meier and his crew are expected to start around October 17th, maybe sooner. Terri also pointed out that Dennis had someone look at the basement windows in order to get an estimate to replace them, with screens added so they can be opened to air out the basement. A brief discussion about the advantages of vinyl over wooden windows took place but it was decided, since the property is on the National Register, historic accuracy overrode the advantage of vinyl.

LaVonne presented the information on the money raised for the Highlandville School project noting the balance is \$16,324 with the \$1,000 pledge from the Highland Township trustees still outstanding as well as 50% of the HRDP grant. The latter is \$1,500.

A discussion followed concerning the funds that would be left over after the work is completed, including the windows. It was decided that the left over funds would be transferred to the HPC from the County Historical Society and they would be solely dedicated to the maintenance of the school in consultation with the Township Trustees. There is a clear need to paint the exterior as well as

refurbishing the original flooring. Dave moved that the HPC donate \$500 to the County Historical Society in recognition of all the work they put in to make this project happen. Kim seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The next topic was a report from Steve on the Preserve Iowa Conference in Davenport which was attended by Steve, Ferneva, LaVonne, and Roger. Steve said it was an excellent conference with many fine presentations. LaVonne and Ferneva discussed the sessions they attended.

Dave brought up the Bluffton House and outlined where the process stood. A memorandum of agreement was being developed between the DNR, the SHPO, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Once that is completed the easement issues would be developed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 and Karl Schroeder, our gracious host, gave members of the Commission a walking tour of Ossian's historic architecture.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th at the Highlandville School.