

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission meeting at the Old Winneshiek County Jail, November 11, 2017 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Dave Stanley, Kim Glock, Roger Bergan, Steve Johnson, Elizabeth Lorentzen, LaVonne Sharp, and Terri Mozzone.

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

Elizabeth presented the treasurer's report. She noted that the fund raiser in Ossian for the restoration of their log structure was delayed because of weather problems. She suggested that we hold off actually writing a check for the HPC's donation until we receive further information. It was decided the Commission would pledge the funds for the time being. Kim moved to approve the report and Roger seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Elizabeth also updated the Commission on the status of the Bodensteiner House restoration by the Winneshiek County Historical Society. The rear exterior walls were unstable and the bricks were all taken down and the walls reassembled. Damaged bricks were replaced with bricks rescued from the demolition of the East Side School and the Caretaker's House at the old County Home.

Steve reminded everyone to get their information to Dave about activities, workshops, etc. for the 2017 annual report. Steve also reminded Dennis, Kim, and LaVonne that their terms were up for the Commission on January 1, 2018. Everyone urged them to reapply.

Elizabeth briefed the Commission on the Backroads Bus Tour of Historic Structures that was sponsored by the Historical Society. There was a nice turnout and the tour was a success.

Terri and Dave updated the Commission on the Highlandville School project. They had met with the Highland Township Trustees and went over the list of repairs that could be done with the remaining funds. This included replacing the gutters and painting the exterior. There was also a brief discussion about the historic schoolhouse photos that have been selected for framing and display at the Highlandville School. The general consensus was that each photo would need to

be securely connected to the wall (with screws?) so they don't "walk off".

Steve brought up having HPC meetings in 2018 at locations throughout the County and asked the commissioners for ideas.

There was a general conversation about holding a regional workshop in 2018. This included potential themes and topics.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.