

Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Saturday June 8, 2019, 8:30 AM

Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex

Present: Steve Johnson, John Beard, Kirsten Heine, Janelle Pavlovec, Ferneva Brimacomb, LaVonne Sharp, David Wadsworth. Elizabeth Lorentzen, Roger Bergan

1. Welcome by Steve Johnson, President and call to order
2. Secretary's Minutes for April 2019 prepared by LaVonne. Motion to accept by Kirsten Heine. Second by Ferneva. Carried.
3. Treasurer's Report prepared by Elizabeth Lorentzen. Motion to approve by Kirsten. Second by LaVonne. Carried.
4. Report by Winneshiek County Board of Supervisor's Representative Joh Beard. The lantern windows to go up in the Courthouse soon. They are being stored in the container outside. There has been some water penetration in the Court Room, including some plaster that fell due to and East wind and heavy rain. Consultant Bethany Jordan said it was due to the wind driven rain. This is not covered by insurance. Engineer work on bridge on 360th Street Bridge has bdgaun. They will use a railcar culvert, strong steel and good pricing. The 150th St Bridge in Fort Atkinson on hold for now. It is on the National Register. It is not an urgent need due to traffic patterns. Lavonne asked John when the WCHPC could apply for its next stipend, that has already been approved, but will be allocated after the start of the next fiscal year on July 1, 2019.
5. Old Business: Steve gave an update on the Stone Structure Survey. He was awarded and congratulated for the \$2000 Depot grant for this project. There is MiEnergy Grant in process. He will also be visiting with some community members and leaders for support. Steve asked Ferneva about last year's Alliant Grant. She will offer some help in preparing the Grant request as it is on file. There continues to be a lot of research into the Indian Mission School. Steve is working with the Hochunck Nation of which the Winnebago Tribe is a member. Pastor Reque from Luther was the President in 1930. Director and Curator of 1940-1947 and very instrumental in the Indian Mission. He also served as the Chair of what would be come the Winneshiek County Historical Society. The first log home was built there before 1849 when the Huber Family moved there. There were log homes built there for the Native American families, as early as 1840. Steve will also contact Terry Landsgard.
6. Review of May 4th Workshop. There was a \$123.26 net profit. There were 23 registered participants. 2 Cancelled. So 21 in total. David Wadsworth's presentation was so well received, many positive comments. Deb Bishop took many good photos and will share with the WCHPC. Paul Cutting's talk was also well received. It was held in his own garage which is actually an old log building. There were 3 DAR members that came from Washington, Iowa. They are working on a 1840 log cabin that needs conservation.
7. At the June 6, 2019 meeting. Carl Schroeder asked for advice for work going on in Ossian. Mike Meyers would like some insight on thoughtful restoration. The City Council is needing more information. Steve suggested that it be recommended that the city reach out to a TAN consultant. Steve and Ferneva will arrange a coffee to help bring forth options. LaVonne suggested having a WCHPC meeting in Ossian. It has been done before and was very engaging.

8. RSVP Volunteer Survey. Steve visited with Deana Hageman. She thought that there would be many volunteers interested in helping with the Stone Church Survey. Ferneva made a motion that we proceed with RSVP. Janelle second. Carried.
9. Adoption of Mission and Vision Statement. Steve will resend these to the Commission to review. We will plan to review and finalize at our August 2019 meeting. Send any comments to Steve soon.
10. Update on Frankville School: Dean Thompson, John Kraus, and Doug Steinmetz met and visited. They will apply for a TAN consultant for roof and create a comprehensive plan. Supervisors approved \$1000 for this project. There is an 1890 photo with the original bell tower before it was blown off in the wind either in the 1902 or 1918 tornados. Rebuilding of the bell tower will take planning now but will bring excitement and engagement with the entire project.
11. Jerry Falck let Elizabeth know of a Wisconsin woman who is an author who grew up in Frankville. Her father was the last Methodist pastor there. She has written a series of articles, that Elizabeth will research and try to find.
12. New Business: Fort Atkinson. It was suggested to do a fall collective collaborative workshop. Mark Muggli was very interested and will present to his Board about this partnership. This would be a wonderful opportunity. It would be a strategic decision for WCHPC to host meetings at various sites and cities. Steve will follow-up on this.
13. Maquoketa Preservation Conference. On August 4, 2019. This will count as the WCHPS class credit. Registration until July 23. Kim Glock and Steve plan on attending. Please let Steve know if interested in going ASAP. David Wadsworth gave a great description of the town. He talked about how earlier it was covered in Ag-steel and then restored.
14. St. Clement's hosting annual dinner on June 14, 2019. Contact Ferneva if you have any questions.
15. St. Lucas event in June 19, 2019
16. No meeting in July. Next Meeting is August 10, 2019 at 8:30 AM in the Courthouse Annex.
17. Motion to Adjourn by LaVonne. Second by Ferneva. Carried. Adjourned at 9:38 AM

Respectfully submitted

Kirsten Roverud Heine, Secretary