

JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

October 17, 2019 Board Minutes

Present: Ronnie Aungst, Gene Kort, Ruth Lowing, Mary Raper, Lucas Rozema, Barb Semeyn, Sandy Wensink, Ken Williams, Yvonne Williams.

Meeting Agenda: Approved.

September Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Acquisitions Report: Barb reported that Kathy Headley agreed to change her loan of Yearbooks to a donation, and that it may be put in the Local History Room. Ms. Headley also has more school materials she plans to donate.

Ruth has notified nearest living relatives of others who have loaned items, except for one she's having difficulty with getting an address for.

Museum Cleaning & Upkeep: Linda was absent, but it was commented the Museum looked nice earlier in the week.

Maintenance Report: Mike has left for Texas. Ken reported the basement has been dry in the past week.

Township Representative's Report: Becky was absent.

Curator/Historian's Report:

Ken received call from Midstate that the alarm wasn't working. Mike detected the problem was Consumer Power's, and they came and fixed it.

Ken shared pictures from another museum. One was of an accordion-style picture display that we may wish to consider in the future. Another idea generated was putting a modern object with others from the past to see if children will notice what doesn't belong.

Ken and Yvonne attended a Kutsche meeting, where historical groups presented their posters of River Life. It is possible a book may be made from these. Also, a digitized version.

The 2020 Calendar of Events was shared. They will be passed out at the Expo.

The museum answering machine no longer works, so Ken purchased a new one.

Boat Ride: Ronnie said 57 tickets were sold. Depending on whether we've obligated ourselves for next fall, we may want to try a summer ride.

Local History Room: Several items have been brought from the Museum to the History Room. Mary and Ronnie are working on putting items in place.

Rob Bristow told them a tree Lighting Ceremony will occur the first Thursday night in December, and he would like us to participate. Once we get more details, we will put them out in an email.

Budget: After reviewing the budget, it was approved to use the same as last year's.

Fall Community Expo: Linda is in charge this year. Oct. 26, it will begin at 10, with setup at 9 am, at Grandville Middle School.

Christmas Decoration: Ronnie is waiting to hear back from the Boy Scouts.

2020 Board Nominations: Gene Kort, Nellie DeLaat, Liz Timmer, and Mike Timmer. Ken will contact nominees to make sure they accept.

Jobs will be discussed at the next meeting.

Other Business:

Back Parlor could use more lighting. Discuss with Mike when he returns next Spring.

Rugs: We will offer our rugs for sale, and determine interest. Making some in various school colors was suggested.

Historically Significant Homes that are unoccupied, and For Sale: A discussion was held as to whether anything can be done to salvage any of them.