

VILLAGE OF WINNECONNE

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MINUTES Historic Preservation Committee Thursday, April 18, 2024, 6:00pm Village Hall upstairs meeting Room, 31 South Second Street

Call to Order

Roll Call—Paul Olson, Janet Eiler, Ian Livingstone, Angel Elmer, Mary Lou Schroeder, Adam Ahrens and Jaci Stelzner

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes— Motion by Olson, second by Schroeder to approve February Committee minutes, all ayes Public Participation—none Communications—none

Financial Report -\$3893 has been collected so far

<u>Old Business</u> — Eiler reported the final application and fee was mailed to The WI Historical Society on 2/17/2024. Their online application had a glitch in it where the text didn't stay within the box and they asked for the Word doc of the text. That was sent on 3/4/2024 – now we wait! Copies of everything was put in the filing cabinet of WHS storage at the Village Hall. Eiler did express a concern to Fitzie Heimdahl, from WI Historical, about the six months to process the application, the time to make the sign. Eiler's concern is that the Permit to Disturb a Burial Site is only good for one year.

State Signage and Costs (Eiler) – the state contact is Michael Frewerd – the DOT will install and maintain the signage on Main St. The signs will not cost us anything. The DOT will not approve or install until the marker is in place and will take about 4-5 months. I am to keep him informed on the status.

The Village says they don't know where they put the \$100 the Winnebagoland Genealogical Society (WGS) donated towards the historical marker project. A copy of the cashed check was given to the Village but they said it would be too difficult to track down which account it was put in. It was decided Eiler would have the treasurer of WGS, James Krueger, write a letter to the Village of Winneconne and ask that the Village either return the funds to WGS or give the \$100 to the Winneconne Historical Society to use towards the cemetery historical marker. (that \$100 is included in the above total in finances)

Other fundraising – Eiler mentioned Butte des Morts Historical Preservation Society and one of the board members expressed an interest in donating towards the project. Their quarterly meeting is next week.

New Business

Jaci Stelzner is now the representative of the Winneconne Village Board to lead the Preservation Committee meetings and projects.

Eiler stated we should start thinking about the ceremony/dedication/unveiling as it will be approaching fast once the application approval goes through. Some ideas that came to mind:

- Village President (speech)
- Board Members present as many as possible
- State Historical Society Representative (speech)
- County Executive Jon Doemel? (speech)
- Winneconne Historical Preservation Committee Representative Eiler (speech)
- Ahrens volunteered to get a State political figure here
- We will need: unveiling cloth & straps, chairs for spectators (VFW was a thought for chairs), have Public Safety Dept close the road for the event, speaker system of some sort (Library or borrow Butte des Morts Historical Preservation Society's small speaker system), someone to video the event(?), Public Works Dept - make sure grounds are mowed & trimmed & supply a garbage can, flower pots to beautify (Village Beautification Committee) - Schroeder volunteered to handle these items
- Refreshments variety of single serving drinks (soda, juices, milk, water?), donuts, cookies or some other kind of fast finger food, napkins. – Schroeder volunteered to take care of refreshments
- Discussed we will want to send personal invites to select people (Chamber, Board, Political figures, WI Historical Society)? Public invitation in the local newspaper.
- Programs printed to hand out that day Angel Elmer and Ian Livingstone volunteered to handle the program design and distribution.

After this project is complete, it was suggested we do something to commemorate the barn in the Lake Winneconne Park. It is an original structure that was once part of the Children's Home. State and National Historical Registry was mentioned but Eiler stated that the structure had to have little to no changes from its original appearance. Olson stated some updating will be done to the building.

Follow-up- Eiler to continue to keep the committee updated on the application process. Eiler to email the Herman Hollub survey papers to the board members.

Confirm next meeting date: Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:30pm

Adjourn Motion by Ahrens 2nd by Olson to adjourn 6:58pm.

Submitted by Janet Eiler, secretary.

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