

President Alan Pape called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Attending: Alison Witt-Janssen, Greg Zahn, Jon Scott, Alan Pape, Ed Ritger, Mike Besch, Fred Klessig, Rhonda Hare, Jim Dieringer

Jon moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Fred seconded. Motion carried.

Greg presented the Treasurer's report. Winter construction quote to the electric company dropped \$1300 when moved to Spring. This expense was previously approved, so Greg prepaid this work to be done in April. Alan paid Legemaat Services LLC for loading and moving the Norwegian cabin. Greg offered to pay D and D, but they declined until further needed.

Previously approved: \$1200, spent 1262 and bills are paid.

Attendance at WI Hist Society Conference was well worth it for publicity.

Rhonda moved to accept the report, Alison seconded. Motion carried.

Membership report by Alison Witt-Janssen: 22 members currently. Alison updated the brochure. We went through the brochure and drafted any changes. Decided to print 100. Approved the membership letter to be emailed to all who showed interest, inviting them to the annual meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be Jan 20, 2025, from 6 pm-7 pm. Ed will run the meeting and Rhonda and Alison will make a slide show of pictures of this year's events. Please email any pictures you have to us.

Development Report: Alan reported that WB Mutual insurance is very interested in art related destinations.

We will not be applying for the Ruth Foundation Grant this year as we have learned that they are funding only already established programs.

Building Committee Report: Greg reported that electric to site will be done in April.

Recommends handicap toilet. Meeting with Steve Schmidt before Christmas about master plan and getting the cabin built. Soil report from Kirchner. Need master plan and where toilets will be. Septic will work. Since we are registered with the National Registry of Historic Places we can maybe showcase the well. But we can't use it. Beane engineering: waiting for report. Selection of architects is very important –for their knowledge of historical tax credits.

Old Business

Norwegian Log House Project Report: Jon reported on the layout that Alan prepared including foundation options, second floor ideas, roof and exteriors.

Poultry barn. We need to do a roof replacement if we determine this barn is worth saving. House more important than poultry barn.

To be continued.

Greg is ready to donate his half timber German house. Discussed nonprofit tax returns and next steps. Ed and Greg will continue the discussion.

We need to order a dumpster for first work day to take apart poultry barn.

Jim D has been cutting the grass for over 20 years. Ed made a motion that we pay him \$375 for past gas expenses. Fred seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

PR person: Alison is reaching out to Bella from Washington County Historical Society. We need someone to help with grant writing, social media, and mission language.

Do we need two more board positions? Board members with more connections, who know the pulse of money coming in to non profit organizations like ours

Rededication of Saxonia house next November?

Beer Cave condition. Trees and roots around it. First step is to kill the invasive species which may be putting roots into the ceiling of the cave. Maybe Boy Scouts carry old brush away.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm