



Friends of Saxonia House, Inc.

F.O.S.H. Board Meeting

Feb 5, 2024

6:00 PM, ZOOM Platform

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Pape at 6:04 pm. Greg Zahn moved that the Board elect Jon Scott for the vacant Board position for 2024. Alison seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all seven Board members voting “yes” to welcome Jon Scott to the Board.

II. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the Nov. 6, 2023 Board meeting had already been previously approved via email and posted on our website.

III. Treasurers' Report

Greg reported \$59,710 plus the \$1078 amount in Flipcause. Most of Greg’s report was about the upcoming insurance bill and whether it is appropriate for our uses. This discussion was tabled until we receive more description of the insurance, vendors, and possible events. This work can be done by the events committee. Jon will give Greg insurance contacts that he has from his other organizations. Alan motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report and Jim seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Membership Report and Events

Alison shared her updated membership report showing 33 individuals, plus one pending just sent by Rhonda...Rhonda has been receiving membership mail and depositing member checks since approved to do so at the last Board meeting.

There was some discussion of possible events. Alison, Greg, and Rhonda will be on the Events Committee for 2024.

V. Development Report

The Ruth Foundation for the Arts grant application was submitted on time, thanks also to Marilyn for her help. Alan expects a mid-April reply with positive funding for Spring projects. Alan spoke of other possible funding sources and asked if all Board members are in agreement with the “All Nations” title of the project. Discussion followed and it was concluded that Alan would talk with Trig Jacobsen for advice regarding appropriateness of the title for what we intend.

VI. Old Business

- a. New Project, “WELCOME CENTER” (solar powered old poultry barn). Alan solicited volunteers for a Poultry Barn Advisory Committee to plan for that building and Greg volunteered.
- b. Klessig Dairy Barn clean up: Neighbor Adam Ruback will help with his frontend loader.
- c. Norway House project: Jon and Alan will head this up.
- d. Main house eastern wall: We need a structural engineer specializing in historic preservation. Alison and Fred want to be involved in this.
- e. Website coordinator still needed. Alison will check with neighbor’s daughter. Website needs more videos and updating.

VII. New Business

- a. Election of Jon Scott to Board membership (proceeded as above in section I)
- b. Election/approval of officers. The following were unanimously voted in for continuing terms:

Alan Pape, President	Fred Klessig, V.P.
Rhonda Hare, Secretary	Greg Zahn, Treasurer
- c. WI Historical Society Conference in Appleton discussion:

As a WI Historical Society Affiliate, FOSH entitled to a free exhibition booth. Greg proposed FOSH fund up to \$1000 of travel expenses for board members and up to \$1000 for materials and handouts for the display. Including a reusable banner. This would work out to approximately \$200 per board member for travel.

The motion was seconded and approved.

There was a question about conference admission. Greg said he would find out and report back .

Alan agreed to submit as a presenter with Rusty Kapela .

VIII. Adjournment:

Alan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm, Jon Scott seconded. Meeting was adjourned. The next Board meeting is April 1, 2024