

2006 AGENDA & MINUTES

No agenda for the months from February through August

February 9, 2006 - Minutes
Old Franklin Township Historical Society

In the absences of our President Phyllis Dearborn, Vice President Mary Frances Nachreiner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in community room at the Kraemer Library. Present were the following: Dean & Marian Burmester, Tim Cooper, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, & Jim Geishirt.

Since our secretary, Sandy Stiemke wasn't present, Marian recorded the minutes.

Motion was made by Marian to approve the December 1, 2005 emailed minutes & Dean seconded the motion.

Our treasurer, Mary Jayne Liegel passed around a couple print outs of her report. The balance has increased from December's balance of \$3055.47 to the current treasury balance of \$4127.47. She is receiving a good response from the membership renewal postcards sent out. We now have 10 individual, 16 families members, & 1 donation.

The contact list for fundraising that Phyllis had emailed shortly after the December meeting was looked at & will be review for the next meeting.

Jim passed around a summary of the estimates for improvements to old town hall building, so it can be used as a museum & research area. The high-end estimate total is \$55,000.00 & the low-end estimate total is \$46,500.00. There are several options on the heating system and a couple other items. Decisions will have to be made in these areas.

Marian & Dean passed around print outs of prices on office equipment. A total of \$3000 at the very least will be needed. This list was figured with only one new computer. The group felt that another computer should be figured in to the cost. Since we purchased a laptop last year that would make a total of three computers, which is the quantity of computers we talked about in the past. Adjustments will be made to the list, so Karen & Gene can include the estimate of office equipment in the booklet.

Marian said that she had been talking to a fellow worker. They mentioned something about the UW having an outlet where they sold office equipment on Fridays. Tim replied that it was the UW Swap Shop. If you did a google search you would find the info on it. I did on the following day the link is as follows:

<http://www.bussvc.wisc.edu/swap/swap.html> Mary Frances gave Marian a copy of the Gaylord catalog that had recently arrived in our mail. This catalog might be of some use in pricing office equipment.

Karen & Gene sent print outs of the revised booklet along with Marian, since they would not attend. Jim said he will get in touch with Karen & Gene as to how the estimates should be placed in the booklet. Maybe they would meet somewhere. Marian will also do the same after a few adjustments are made to the office equipment list.

Tim Cooper reminded everyone that when he purchased the computer for the Historical Society, he got a Best Buy Rewards Card in the name of the Historical Society. This card is redeemable in August 2006 towards merchandise in the store. Any member of the historical society who makes a purchase at Best Buy and wishes to enter that amount on our card should use this phone number 1-608-226-9226. At the check out if you give them this phone number the purchase will be registered on our card.

Marian mentioned that she & her husband had attended a chili supper prior to the meeting. It may be something we could consider doing in the future, once we have remodeled the town hall building. Everyone seemed to think it might be something to talk about for the future. Jim suggested an ice cream social. Mary Jayne said why wait until the building is remodeled? We could hold an ice cream social at the park pavilion along with music. Thoughts were shared on the subject with Jim mentioning that if we held it in the pavilion the hall could be open to the public also.

Mary Frances passed around the booklet that Linda & Daniel Marquardt made up on the Pleasant View School, which they have purchased. It had been thought that they might attend the meeting.

Tim made a motion to adjourn & Jim seconded the motion.

Thanks to Mary Jayne we all enjoyed a wonderful Valentines cheesecake.

Submitted by Marian Burmester, Director.

March 2, 2006 6 Minutes
Old Franklin Township Historical Society

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Mary Frances Nachreiner at 7:00 P.M. in the community room of the Kraemer Library. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion to approve minutes of the February 9, 2006 meeting, prepared and emailed to members by Marian Burmester, by Karen Beth, second by Gene Beth.

Treasurer Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel reported that we have \$4152.47 in treasury. At the present time we have 11 individual members, 17 family, 3 sponsors, and one donation.

In old business, the draft prepared and emailed to members by Jim Geishirt - "Franklin Town Hall Agreement" between the Franklin Township and the Old Franklin Township Historical Society was discussed. Jim said he had taken the liberty to write one up and sent Joe Prem a copy so the town board could look it over at their meeting, also held tonight. Jim said that he has been told that the Township will pay for repainting the chimney and cost of the drain tile.

Jim is also working on a paragraph describing our proposal to go before the estimates in the presentation booklet. Jim said he will take new pictures of the upstairs and downstairs spaces to be in the presentation booklet.

There was discussion on whether or not we should have a lawyer to represent the Old Franklin Township Historical Society in our agreement with the Township, and whether or not we should try to buy the building.

A review of comments made by Phyllis Dearborn in an email to all members on March 1, 2006 touched on concerns regarding future placement of research material, storage of Township records, having regular hours after updating, and safeguards for the Society after expense of improvements in the Township Hall.

She also commented on fundraiser suggestions. She also requested that Mary Jayne make copies of the Annual Report sent to the State Historical Society for members to have, and have a copy included with the minutes.

In new business, Marian spoke briefly on the presentation that she and Dean attended. It was given by Bryan Bigler, President of the Mount Horeb Historical Society on February 24 at the Spring Green Community Library, and hosted by the Spring Green Historical Society. The subject was recommendations for new historical societies. Marian had emailed a summary of the presentation to everyone on February 27. Marian commented that our society has already accomplished a number of the recommendations, and are working towards others with our Preservation Booklet, and ideas for fund raisers and programs. Marian suggested that we look into the idea of having a newsletter a year, perhaps in fall or towards the end of the year.

Mary Frances had a message from Linda Marquardt regarding the Pleasant View School House project. They are still pursuing the purchase of land on which to place the school.

Mary Jayne will bring copies of the Annual Report to the State Historical Society for members and for one to be included with the minutes.

Motion to adjourn made by Gene Beth, second by Mary Jayne.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

April 6, 2006 Minutes
Old Franklin Township Historical Society

Meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Dearborn at 7:00 P.M. in the community room of the Kraemer Library. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Wayne and Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Mary Prem, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion to approve minutes of March 2, 2006 meeting prepared and emailed to members by Marian Burmester, second by Jim Geishirt.

Treasurer Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel reported we have \$4202.47 in treasury. Our income since last month's meeting was increased by two new memberships, and for research done. Motion by Dean Burmester, second by Gene Beth to accept treasurer's report. Mary Jayne also brought copies of the Annual Report which was sent to the State Historical Society. One of these has now been placed in the secretary's records along with the minutes of the meetings.

Phyllis gave everyone a BIG Thank You to everyone for all the continued work while she and Wayne were gone to Arizona.

In Old Business, a review was made of the "Proposal for the Old Town Hall." A suggestion was made that the cleaning and or painting the walls and ceiling to original state if feasible, should be included. Jim Geishirt stated that in the event that town meetings are held in the Old Town Hall, we should find a table and chairs for the board to use that would go with the original era of use of the building. Jim feels it would be a good idea to have township meetings in the old town hall.

Draft 2 of the "Franklin Town Hall Agreement" which had been emailed to members, was reviewed. The annual meeting of the Franklin Township will take place on Wednesday April 12, and all that historical society members that are able are encouraged to attend. The Agreement will be taken there to have people look at it. Jim suggested that we wait to get a lawyer for the Historical Society until the Township lawyer has looked at the Franklin Town Hall Agreement.

Review of the Presentation Booklet that Karen Beth and Jim Geishirt have been revising. Among the revisions were new pictures. Karen brought copies for members to look at. Phyllis will write a cover letter for the presentation booklet and bring a sample to the next meeting. Phyllis will also look into printing estimates for the presentation booklet. Jim suggested Kinkos.

The need for an audio recorder was discussed. Motion by Marian, second by Wayne to purchase an audio recorder.

Phyllis will contact the Arena, Lone Rock, and Spring Green Historical Societies to see if they would be interested in working on a joint venture of a weekly column for the Home News. In the meantime, each of us should bring ideas for the newspaper column, and bring to the next meeting.

In New Business, a sample letter that Marian had prepared for the purpose of fund raising for businesses or the greater community was reviewed. Motion by Gene, second by Mary Jayne to prepare a letter to go out to businesses as well as individuals for fund raising purposes. This will be a separate fund raising project from the presentation booklet project.

Marian presented discs of material that Gary Haas has donated to the Historical Society. They included Hildegard Thering's Notes, 1937 Plain, Wi film with music, Oral Histories, Nachreiner Funeral Book, Waldmunchen Slies, Otto Horz, Fern Hill School Records, and miscellaneous photos, news clippings and family trees. Marian will write a thank you to Gary for these.

Motion to adjourn by Mary Frances, second by Jim.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
May 4, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Phyllis Dearborn. Present: Karen & Gene Beth, Dean & Marian Burmester, Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Pat Scallon, Sandy Stiemke.

Minutes of emailed April meeting, approved. Motion by Gene, second by Marian.

Mary Jayne presented the Treasurer's report. Balance of treasury \$4217.47. One new membership, and no expenditures. Also handed out list of names of current members. Motion by Jim, second by Gene to approve report.

Announcements: Reservations have been made for four members, Phyllis, Karen, Marian, and Mary Frances, to attend the Workshop on Preparing Exhibits on May 20 at Darlington. Linda Marquardt plans to come to the May 13 PHGG meeting and update us on the progress in the purchase and restoration of the Pleasant View School. Phyllis handed out copies of the Wi Historical Society Catalog Discount Program. It contains the Discount No. for ordering archival supplies from Highsmith and also gives the website for their catalog.

Sandy reported on the May 28 Civil War Commemoration that will take place in Lone Rock, sponsored by the Lone Rock Area Historical Society.

In old business, Phyllis reported on cost from Kinko and Copymax for printing the Presentation/Preservation Booklet. For 100 copies from Kinko the cost is \$953. without tax, 50 would be \$519.50. Copymax would charge \$800 for 100 copies, \$456. for 50. Jim said he would check with Jeff Koch to see if it could be done at Westbrook Associates, as they have that type of equipment there.

Phyllis reported that she had read an article in a Sauk Prairie newspaper about successful fund raising project for the Westpoint rural school, spearheaded by Kate Robbins, of Lodi. Phyllis talked to her and she is willing to come to one of meetings and talk to us about fund raising.

Motion by Mary Jayne, second by Marian to ask Kate Robbins to come to our June meeting to speak about fund raising. Motion carried.

Phyllis reported on the response of the other area history groups to the idea of column in local newspaper covering historical topics and/or events of the groups. Lone Rock and Spring Green agreed to the project. She has heard nothing from Arena. Phyllis said David Giffey of the Home News prefers the column to be monthly, instead of weekly.

Regarding the Agreement with Township on use of the Town Hall, Jim handed out an updated draft. The attorney for the Township, Wayne Maffei has reviewed the draft agreement, and based on his review, the following changes were made: 1) change lease agreement to 100 years. 2) Add: all Archives belonging to the Old Franklin Township Historical Society will go to the State Historical Society if the group disbands. 3) Eliminate if the historical society decides to move out of the Old Town Hall, they shall get some compensation for their investment in the building. It was also decided that it will not be necessary for OFTHS to have its own Attorney. Phyllis will contact Dave Zwettler, Township insurance carrier, to find out about OFTHS coverage needed.

Suggestion was made to have a sign outside the old Franklin Town Hall for the historical society/museum. Phyllis will check with the village on ordinances.

In new business, it was decided that 20 copies of the Preservation Booklet would be enough. The procedure to follow for presentation of the booklet, including a cover letter, or initial contact letter, was discussed. Sample letters prepared by Phyllis and Marian and emailed to members were reviewed. Marian presented the sample letter with mailing address on one side. Mary Jayne will also prepare a rough draft cover letter. It was decided that we will wait to hear Kate Robbins's suggestions before proceeding.

Jim Geishirt said he will prepare an updated draft of the Township Agreement and take it with him to the May 15 Town Board meeting. OFTHS members should try to come to this meeting.

On the business of obtaining an audio recorder, Gene Beth reported that his recorder is not digital. No further action.

It was decided to participate in the 3-day Plain celebration parade the last weekend of July. Suggestions included a Civil War theme, representation of Franklin Township Civil War participants, and a theme from the 1955 Plain parade. Mary Jayne will check with Civil War re-enactors that she knows.

The short history of Plain/Franklin Township, prepared by Phyllis, and emailed to members since the last meeting, was reviewed. The history was requested by David Giffey by May 9, for an upcoming Home News Vacation Issue.

Tabled under new business were the subject of an Ice Cream Social, and our participation in the upcoming St. Luke's 150th Anniversary in 2007.

Motion by Mary Frances, second by Jim, to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JUNE 1, 2006

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the old Franklin Town Hall. Present: Karen Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Tim Cooper, Phyllis Dearborn, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion by Marian, second by Mary Jayne to approve emailed minutes of May meeting. Motion carried.

Mary Jayne reported that there is \$4342.47 in treasury. Mary Jayne will contact a new member to clarify that there is no lifetime membership available. Sponsorship is available at that level. Motion by Mary Frances, second by Karen to accept treasurer's report.

Announcements included information on a new FREE publication called *Voice of the River Valley* soon to be found at sites in many of our neighboring towns. Articles by and about various people, photos, calendar of River Valley Events will be published by M&B Reflections LLC in Lone Rock, Wi. They will also have a website www.VoiceofRiverValley.com. A sample was brought to the meeting. Will begin with July issue.

Kate Robbins of Lodi gave a presentation on pointers she has used that helped with fundraising projects. Her most recent project has been the move and restoration of the West Point Schoolhouse now at the Lodi Fairgrounds. She also took along a copy of our Presentation Booklet to look over and give us suggestions.

In old business, Mary Jayne read the sample cover letter she had prepared to be sent out for requesting donations.

Phyllis reported on the sign ordinance for the Village of Plain. 17.05 COMPLIANCE REQUIRED. The use of buildings hereafter erected, converted, enlarged or structurally altered, and the use of any land shall be in compliance with the regulations established herein for the district in which such land or building is located. 17.08 SIGNS (1) PERMIT REQUIRED. The building permit shall be issued at no charge. (3) SIGNS PERMITTED.

1. Wall Signs placed against the exterior walls of buildings shall not extend for more than six (6) inches outside of a building's wall surface; shall not exceed four hundred square feet in area for any one premises; and, shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height above the mean centerline street grade.
2. Projecting Signs fastened to, suspended from or supported by structures shall not exceed one hundred square feet in area for any one premises; shall not extend more than

six (6) feet into any required yards, shall not extend more than three (3) feet into any public right-of-way; shall not be less than ten(10) feet from all side lot lines; shall not exceed a height of twenty(20) feet above the mean centerline street grade; and shall not be less than ten(10) feet above the sidewalk nor fifteen(15) feet above a driveway or an alley.

Discussion on a float for the three-day celebration in July resulted in the choice of honoring our World War II veterans, using the theme from Tom Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation." Mary Frances will contact the Legion to get the list of names of World War II servicemen.

Discussion of the lease agreement was tabled due to Jim Geishirt's absence. Motion by Mary Frances, second by Pat to get on the Township board's agenda for their next monthly meeting if we have heard back from the Township's lawyer on the proposed lease before our July meeting, and Peter Shrake of the Sauk County Historical Society would be able to be there.

Motion by Marian, second by Karen to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JULY 5, 2006

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the old Franklin Town Hall. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Phyllis and Wayne Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Mary Prem, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion by Gene, second by Marian to approve emailed minutes of June meeting. Motion carried.

Mary Jayne reported that there is \$4360.56 in treasury. Mary Jayne is still working to resolve the lifetime membership query from last month. A flag was purchased that had flown over the Capital. At the present time there are 13 individual memberships, 19 family, 4 sponsors and one donation. Motion by Mary Frances, second by Gene to accept treasury report as presented. Motion carried.

Announcements included the upcoming Southwest Regional Wisconsin Council Local History Convention, to be held at Prairie du Chien High School on Sept. 30. There is no announced program yet. The Annual Convention of the Wisconsin Council for Local History will be held at Madison on Nov. 10-11, 2006. There will be workshops about local history topics and a guided walking tour by Madison Trust for Historic Preservation.

July is the month for re-election of officers. The positions of the four officers and one director were up for re-election. Phyllis asked for nominations from the floor. In place of nominations, Karen made a motion to retain officers. Second by Jim Geishirt. Motion carried. The director

position held by Marian Burmester for two years, in accordance with the by-laws, was due for re-election. Nomination by Wayne to elect Marian Burmester to a 3 year term as director. Second by Sandy. Motion carried.

Plans for the "World War II Salute for Veterans" theme for the July 30 parade in Plain was discussed. We will place ads in the Home News for the next two weeks to attract additional veterans. Gene Beth reported that Marty Koenecke's trolley will transport the veterans in the parade, arriving in Plain around 9 a.m., to enable further decorating of trolley with flags that Karen and Gene had purchased. Gene had also contacted Col. Gregar at Camp Douglas, Wis., to request Hummer escort vehicles, camouflage net and poles to provide shade alongside the Town Hall for the veterans after the parade, and six military personnel to act as aides to the veterans. Mary Jayne will take care of providing tables. Marian confirmed that we will have use of a popcorn machine, and lemonade will again be served. We will have displays inside the Town Hall of all wars as available.

Phyllis requested that members schedule themselves for a work period on the day of the parade. We will need monitors for displays during the time the Town Hall will be open. There will be a work day on Saturday July 29 at the Town Hall to get the displays ready. Work schedules for Sunday will be decided on Saturday, the 29th. Sandy will get Plexiglas frames for the displays and name tags.

In old business, Jim Geishirt reported that he had brought along copies of the Draft of the Building Lease between the Town of Franklin and the Old Franklin Township Historical Society. We are to read the lease over and bring it back for discussion at our August meeting.

Motion by Mary Prem, second by Gene Beth, to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AUGUST 3, 2006

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the community room of the Kraemer Library. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Phyllis and Wayne Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke

Motion by Karen, second by Gene to approve emailed minutes of July meeting. Motion carried.

Mary Jayne reported that there is \$4213.94 in treasury. New income included \$200 for first place in the Plain parade on July 30. Motion by Wayne, second by Marian to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Announcements included a handout by Phyllis for the upcoming genealogy-related classes to be held at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison. Also Heritage Days at Tower Hill State Park is coming up soon.

In old business, Phyllis reported that the Building Lease has been signed between the Town of Franklin and the Old Franklin Township Historical Society, effective August 1. Mary Jayne and Phyllis represented the OFTHS at the signing. Phyllis also reported that there will be no insurance liability costs for OFTHS. OFTHS will pay for any extra electricity and water costs. Ed Liegel has an extra 200 amp service panel that he will donate for our use when upgrading of electrical system gets underway.

Members evaluated the open house held at OFTH on July 30 after the parade. All were in agreement that it was very successful and there was a tremendous response from the community in bringing items for the display. All agreed that whatever theme we use next year for the open house, it should be one that will involve the community.

Phyllis suggested that we invite Tom McKay's replacement or Rick Bernstein, Southwest Field Coordinator for Southern Wisconsin Local History Council, to one of our meetings.

The subject of fundraising resulted in preliminary discussion of a chili supper in October. Phyllis appointed Mary Frances to see about available dates at Legion or Palace. In other fundraising plans, the letter requesting donations prepared previously by Marian is to be reviewed and finalized at the September meeting. Phyllis will go to the Village of Plain office to get names of everyone in town, and Mary Jayne will go to the Township for names of those on tax mailing list. Marian offered to alphabetize the names.

Jim Geishirt reported that he will do a preliminary blueprint of the basement. The Town Board would like to see our tentative blueprint plan before starting the foundation work.

The need for a digital audio recorder to begin recording oral histories of our older citizens was again brought up. Having previously voted on purchasing one, Phyllis will email Tim Cooper asking that he shop for one that will meet our needs.

The subject of electric work will be addressed in the future.

Motion by Gene, second by Wayne to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

Agenda for OFTHS Meeting on September 7, 2006

- 1) Call to Order 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of emailed minutes
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) Announcements
 - a) I attended a meeting on Sept. 1 held at River Valley School District Offices
Re: Historical Displays at the School Fair on Sept. 29. Everyone decided that since many people didn't know about it last year, a repeat of last year's exhibits on the rural schools that were once in the area now covered by the River Valley School District would be in order. The district promised better publicity about it this year. They will have articles in the paper and contact Richland Center radio station re: spot announcements on it. Bob Holding and David Giffey will work together on publicity, articles for the paper. Our society will again display pictures from some of the rural schools in Franklin and Bear Creek. We are looking for more material, if anyone has anything related, including pictures, school records, report cards, old school supplies, etc., please bring to the meeting. Do any of your parents have things from their school days? Looking for such things as an old fountain pen, open pencils, wooden ruler, to display with ink bottle, ink blotter, & books we already have on the school desk that Sandy donated; also looking for a slate, lunch pail, etc. We will plan to put up pictures on the foldable display Wayne made last year; afterward we will leave our exhibit intact and bring it to the Legion hall to display the night of the Chili Supper.
 - b) Horse Plowing and Planting Day will be held again this year at the corner of Hwy 14 and Hayward Crossing Rd. between Arena and Mazomanie on Sunday, Oct. 15 . Wayne Schutte says a number of teams will be involved.. The Arena Historians plan an exhibit area under a tent showing farming-related pictures etc. We are free to also exhibit, if desired.
 - c) Information will be forthcoming from Bob Holding of Spring Green about the possibility of the 4 historical groups going together to apply for a grant from the Community Learning Foundation to purchase audio and visual equipment for oral history projects. Bob asked at the River Valley meeting if there would be any interest. He will find out more info and get back to us.
 - d) A Society Leaders Workshop will be held at the Voyager Inn in Reedsburg on Sept 23 sponsored by the Wis State Genealogical Society . Since Karen and I are already attending a Digital Photo Class at the WI Hist Society on that day, looking for 2 or 3 members who could go. Will bring the info and registration form to the meeting. Each society can send as many as 3 representatives at \$5.00 each. Each participant can attend four sessions between 8:30 and 4. The WSGS provides a facilitator for each

session to keep it running smoothly; topics to be covered are: leadership, membership, fundraising, technology and the internet, newsletters, and more. Its all about sharing ideas. Sounds very interesting.

- e) Jim Liegel, who is on the village board, has spoken briefly to me about a website that the village is possibly planning to put up. He asked if our society would like to have a page on the site. He will let us know details as he finds them out.

5) New Business

- f) Mary Frances, Chairman for the Chili Supper Kickoff Fundraiser, will give us the details about it: When, where, cost of food, menu, selling tickets, help needed for serving, etc. Consider whether we could get cheese donated?
- g) Review tentative plan for the Town Hall basement drawn up by Jim Geishirt. Display plan at the Chili Supper.

6) Old Business

- a) Marian is working on typing village and township addresses into Word so we can mail out fundraising letter.
- b) Finalize letter that will go out. Plan would be to send out letter right after the chili supper kickoff.
- c) Put article in paper re: renovation plans and fundraiser supper in the paper the week of Oct._____.
- d) Presentation booklet-print ? copies. Copies at chili supper?

7) Adjournment

MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the community room of the Kraemer Library. Present: Dean and Marian Burmester, Phyllis Dearborn, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion by Mary Frances, second by Marian to approve emailed minutes of August meeting. Motion carried.

Mary Jayne reported there is \$4183.48 in treasury. There are no outstanding bills with the exception of \$31.64 to be paid to Phyllis for Norton Anti-virus program. Motion by Marian, second by Dean to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Announcements included a report by Phyllis on the upcoming Historical Displays at the River Valley School Fair on September 29. Bob Holding and David Giffey will work together on publicity and articles for the newspaper. Our society will again display pictures from some of the rural schools in Franklin and Bear Creek townships, among other items. In other announcements, information will be forthcoming from Bob Holding of Spring Green about the possibility of the four historical groups going together to apply for a grant from the Community Learning Foundation to purchase audio and visual equipment for oral history projects. Also there will be a Society Leaders Workshop held at the Voyager Inn in Reedsburg on September 23 sponsored by the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society. Reservations must be in by September 17.

In new business, Mary Frances reported that we can use the Legion Building in Plain for our chili supper on October 28, at no charge if we mention in our ads that the Bar in the lower level of the building will be open during the chili supper. Serving will be from 4:30-8:00 P.M. We will call it "Harvest Chili Supper." Also discussed was menu, food purchasing, decorations, help needed for serving, ticket preparation and sales, advertising, and flyers, etc. Marian will prepare a sample ticket and flyer and email to members for approval. Advance tickets sales will help us know how much food to prepare.

Phyllis stated that Jim Geishirt is going to prepare a tentative plan for the Town Hall basement and she will email to all when he gets it to her. We should have this on display at the chili supper.

In old business, Marian handed out the listing of Plain resident addresses that she has been working on, requesting that we check it over for errors. After feedback, she will put them onto labels in the Microsoft Office program, so we can mail out fundraising letters. She will do the same with the township addresses as soon as she receives the list. Mary Jayne and Phyllis will prepare the fundraising letter, and when prepared, will email to members for review and feedback. The plan is to send out letters as soon as possible after the chili supper, that being the fund raising kickoff. Other old business mentioned in the agenda pertaining to the chili supper to be discussed at our monthly meeting in October.

Motion by Mary Frances, second by Marian, to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

Agenda for OFTHS Meeting on October 5, 2006

1) Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

2) Approval of emailed minutes

3) Treasurer's Report

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4) Announcements

- h) Horse Plowing and Planting Day will be held again this year at the corner of Hwy 14 and Hayward Crossing Rd. between Arena and Mazomanie on Sunday, Oct. 15 . Wayne Schutte says a number of teams will be involved.. The Arena Historians plan an exhibit area under a tent showing farming-related pictures etc. We are free to also exhibit, if desired.
- i) WI Council for Local History 2006 Annual Convention in Madison on Nov 10&11. There will be 2 tracks on Nov 10: one on different aspects of fundraising and Grant Writing Basics, the other one is on Computer Technology, including how to build your own website. I may attend on Friday, but not Saturday.
- j) Report: Karen and Phyllis attended the Photo Workshop on Sept 23. Interesting to see actual samples of Daguerrotype, Ambrotype, Tintype, Carte Vista, etc. Learned how to identify each type. Knowledgeable presentation on accessioning; could use a whole workshop on just that topic. Did anyone attend the Conference at Reedsburg?
- k) River Valley School Exhibit. Well-attended, much interest. Jamie Benson, School Administrator, recommends topic of band history or athletics history for next year.

5) New Business

- a) Review plan for the Town Hall basement drawn up by Jim Geishirt.
Display plan at the Chili Supper.
- b) Update from Mary Frances re: Chili Supper October 28.
Tickets-each of us to sell at least 10. Chairman_____
- Bars-each member to bring 1-9x13pan, or cookies
- Cheese will be donated:
 - Bob Wills-Cedar Grove will donate 5# plus some shredded cheese.
 - Bob & Connie Schweiss-The Cheesemaker will donate 2# cheese.
- Table decoration and set-up:time to come_____.
- Food prep, serving.
- Clean-up.

- l) Posters, address labels, etc.-Marian.
- m) Mail out fundraising letters, etc.
- n) DVD of 100th Anniversary of Franklin Township by Maggie Lomasney may be ready by time of chili supper. Should we plan to show it that night and how do we set it up? Some of school exhibit will also be on display as well as the Floor plan of Town Hall basement.

6) Old Business
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7) Adjournment

MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OCTOBER 5, 2006

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the community room of the Kraemer Library. Present: Dean and Marian Burmester, Tim Cooper, Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Mary Prem, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

Emailed minutes were approved with the exception of the following change: Phyllis stated that she paid \$31.64 for the Norton Anti-virus subscription renewal, not program. Motion by Pat, second by Marian, to accept the emailed minutes and the above change regarding Norton Anti-virus subscription renewal.

Mary Jayne reported that the current balance in treasury is \$4151.84. There are no outstanding debts at this time.

Announcements included upcoming events, including the "Horse Plowing and Planting Day" to be held between Arena and Mazomanie on Sunday October 15, and the Wisconsin Council for Local History 2006 Annual Convention in Madison on November 10 and 11. Phyllis reported that she and Karen attended the Photo Workshop on September 23, and felt it was worthwhile. She also reported that the River Valley School Exhibit on September 29 was well-attended and much interest was shown. Jamie Benson, School Administrator, recommends topic of band history or athletics history for next year.

In New Business, Tim Cooper purchased an Olympus digital audio recorder on behalf of the Historical Society, if the item met with the group's approval. Unanimous voice vote to approve the purchase of the Olympus digital audio recorder by Tim.

The floor plans for the basement area of the Old Franklin Town Hall which had been emailed by Jim Geishirt to Phyllis and forwarded by email by Phyllis to society members, was reviewed. Two different floor plans had been prepared. It was decided to have the floor plans on display at the Chili Supper on October 28. Jim will prepare an 11 by 17 size of the floor plans for display.

Mary Frances gave an update on plans for the Chili Supper on October 28. A work schedule was passed out for people to sign up for duties. Each member should bring one 9 x 13 pan of bars, or cookies. If there are two historical society members in a household, please bring two 9 x 13 pans of bars or cookies. Phyllis was appointed ticket chairman. Marian brought tickets and flyers she had prepared on her computer at home. Each member present took ten tickets to sell ahead of time, and should report to Phyllis how many tickets they have sold by early in the week of the Chili Supper. This will give the cook an idea of how much chili to prepare. Phyllis reported that cheese will be donated by Bob Wills of Cedar Grove, and Bob and Connie Schweiss of the The Cheesemaker. All should report at 3:00 P.M. to the Legion Clubhouse for table decoration and setup the day of the Chili Supper.

Marian brought the address labels she had prepared for both the village of Plain and the township of Franklin that will be used on the fundraising letters. She turned them over to Phyllis. Phyllis and Mary Jayne presented sample fundraising letters they had prepared for the group's approval. Society members are to review these samples and email response and suggestions to Phyllis and Mary Jayne. The plan is to mail the fundraising letters after we have had the Chili Supper. This will be discussed at our November monthly meeting.

Motion by Mary Frances, second by Sandy to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary.

Agenda for OFTHS Meeting on November 2, 2006

- 1) Call to Order 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of emailed minutes
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) Announcements

WI Council for Local History 2006 Annual Convention in Madison on Nov 10&11. There will be 2 tracks on Nov 10: one on different aspects of fundraising and Grant Writing Basics, the other one is on Computer Technology, including how to build your own . There will also be a demo on how to complete the Annual Report online.

5) Old Business

a)Final tally on Chili Supper

Evaluate, suggestions for next year.

b) Presentation booklet

6) New Business

a) Consider not meeting in January-would need to amend bylaws

b) Completion of fundraising letter, purchase postage,etc.

c) Keep eyes out for grant opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

SHARE TIME-What's your latest find?

MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NOVEMBER 2, 2006

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the community room of the Kraemer Library. Present: Karen Beth, Marian and Dean Burmester, Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

A motion was made by Marian, and seconded by Mary Jayne to accept the October emailed minutes. Motion carried. Jim Geishirt stated that he has not received the last few emailed minutes. Sandy will resend them to him to see if the problem is with her computer.

Mary Jayne handed out copies of the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$4857.97. The profit from the Chili Supper was \$550.79. Motion by Mary Frances, second by Marian to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The only announcement was a reminder of the upcoming Wisconsin Council for Local History 2006 Annual Convention in Madison on November 10 and 11.

In old business, Mary Frances reported that she had heard many positive reports from people about the Chili supper. Mary Frances will put all receipts, notes, etc. pertaining to the Chili supper into a folder and keep it for future reference. Mary Frances was thanked for all the hard work she put into chairing the Chili Supper. She thanked everyone for working hard and felt that everyone worked together well.

Motion by Marian, second by Dean that any monetary donations not specified for the building fund to go to the general fund. Motion carried.

Jim brought the Presentation Booklets that had been prepared at his work office, and passed them around for all to see. Jim said the printing of the booklets is a donation. Phyllis purchased the materials for the booklets.

In new business, motion by Mary Frances, second by Dean to amend the by-laws to read "eliminate a monthly meeting in January." Motion carried.

The fundraising letter that had been emailed by Phyllis to members for approval will be used. The same letter will be sent to both individuals and businesses. Phyllis is preparing the letters and envelopes. Marian will prepare return addresses for the envelopes and get them to Phyllis.

Phyllis asked that everyone keep their eyes open for grant opportunities.

Motion by Marian, second by Jim to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

Agenda for OFTHS Meeting on December 7, 2006

- 1) Call to Order 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of emailed minutes
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) Announcements
 - Linda Marquardt-to look at Old Town Hall on Dec. 9.
 - CD's of 100th Anniversary Parade now available at the bank.
- 5) Old Business
 - Reports from Conference:

Marion and Karen-Computer technology, website

Phyllis-fundraising & grant writing
Newsletter

6) New Business

Changed language in bylaws re: no meeting in January.

Updates on fundraising:

Mary Francesô

Phyllis_____

7)Email from Gary Haas

Comments

ADJOURNMENT

SHARE TIME- donation from Vernon Bindl

MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DECEMBER 7, 2006

Vice-President Mary Frances Nachreiner called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the community room of the Kraemer Library. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Marian and Dean Burmester, Tim Cooper, Phyllis and Wayne Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

A motion was made by Marian, seconded by Karen to accept the November emailed minutes. Motion carried.

Mary Jayne handed out copies of the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$18,629.31. There is \$14,095.00 in the building fund and \$3,943.52 in the general fund.

In announcements, Linda Marquardt is going to look at the old Franklin Township Hall on Dec. 9. CDs of the 100th Anniversary Parade are now available for sale at the bank in Plain. Dorie Danelski has donated the CD version of the Reuschlein Family History to the Old Franklin Township Historical Society. Phyllis stated that when returning items to the Sauk County Historical Museum that were used for the historical display at the River Valley High School Fair, there was discussion about the possibility that once the Franklin Town Hall is renovated the Fern

Hill School Records could be on permanent loan status from the Sauk County Historical Museum to OFTHS.

In old business, Marian and Karen reported on what they had learned at the computer technology and website classes they attended at the Wisconsin Council for Local History 2006 Annual Convention in Madison on November 10. Phyllis reported on the fundraising and grant writing classes that she took. One of the ideas from the classes was a newsletter.

Jim Geishirt reported that he has been to the last Town Board meeting and confirmed to them that we have the money to start needed work on the Town Hall. Plans are to begin after the first of the year 2007.

Mary Jayne reported that she has the thank you notes for the donations for the building fund ready to go out in the mail.

Mary Frances reported on donations that she has received for the Building Fund.

Gene made a motion to recognize Mary Jayne's award as Top Notch Teacher in Wisconsin for December.

In new business, the change to the by-laws to read: Article VI. Meetings. d) Regular monthly meetings of the memberships will be held on the first Thursday of the month from February through December unless a quorum of Directors shall decide to cancel a meeting. There will be no meetings in January unless needed, as determined by the Board. Motion to accept change to the by-laws by Mary Frances, seconded by Marian. Motion carried.

Phyllis reported that 650-700 donation request letters to residents of the village of Plain and the Township of Franklin have been sent out. Introductory letters for in-person requests have been prepared. Phyllis is looking into costs of signs or plaques for memorials and donations.

Motion by Marian to look into working at the Brat Wagon in Plain twice a year and to get on their schedule. Seconded by Wayne. Motion by Marian that Mary Frances check on dates available and book two available dates in 2007. Seconded by Wayne. Motion carried.

OFTHS members on the PHGG (Plain History & Genealogy Group) member list received from Gary Haas an email dated December 02, 2006 regarding plans for the PHGG January 13, 2007 meeting. The meeting will be about organizing what PHGG and the OFTHS can do to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Luke's. He would like emailed him a list of things that we could do. He will combine all the lists he receives for the Jan. 13th meeting. After discussion it was decided that:

- 1) Phyllis will email Gary a list of what she is working on with the church committees for the 150th anniversary, so that those plans are not duplicated.
- 2) Marian & Karen will collaborate on an email to be sent jointly from them to Gary. Their email to Gary will include the following: Mary Jayne Liegel is heading OFTHS's 150th anniversary plans. It is doubtful that OFTHS would participate in a joint project with

PHGG at this time due to OFTHS's busy 2007 schedule, which includes events related to St. Luke's 150th anniversary. Give Gary a list (so that his plans are not duplicated) of what the OFTHS is already working on for the 150th anniversary (collecting from community any photos & artifacts related to St. Luke's, Solemn & First Communion photos, display of the cyclone due to its big impact on St. Luke's as well as the community, typing into PAF the old family tree charts for the Plain area from George Ederer, etc.)

8:40 pm the motion was made by Marian and seconded by Dean to adjourn the meeting.

Note: Should have been included in minutes before adjournment ó Vernon Bindl donated to OFTHS Meadowview School teacher's bell.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary