

## 2007 AGENDA & MINUTES

### Agenda for OFTHS Meeting on February 1, 2007

- 1) Call to Order 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of emailed minutes
- 3) Treasurer's Report
  - Building fund total
  - Operating fund total
- 4) Announcements
  - Annual Report -
  - WHS Spring Conference-
  - Application for Grant by Marian from Sauk Co Arts & Humanities-booklet on the 1918 Cyclone
- 5) Old Business
  - Schedule for Brat Stand in 2007-
  - Fundraising Update-
- 6) New Business
  - Bids for repair of Town Hall Foundation- Jim Geishirt
  
  - Bids for placing sewer line from street to hall-Jim Geishirt
  - Get on agenda for Franklin Township March meeting
  
  - Ideas for float for 3-day Celebration July 2007
  
  - Update on plans for Open House-St. Luke's Sesquicentennial
- 7) Other business?

ADJOURNMENT

SHARE TIME

Old Franklin Township Historical Society  
February 1, 2007 - Minutes

In the absence of our President Phyllis Dearborn, Vice President Mary Frances Nachreiner called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in community room at the Kraemer Library. Present were the following: Karen Beth, Dean & Marian Burmester, Pat Pulvermacher, Jim Geishirt, Mary Frances Nachreiner, & Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel.

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

Motion was made by Marian to approve the December 7, 2006 emailed minutes & Dean seconded the motion.

Due to Mary Jayne, the treasurer, not being present it was decided to proceed with the agenda and upon Mary Jayne's arrival to get the treasurer's report. Marian began presenting, for our approval, her proposed application for a grant through the Sauk County Arts, Humanities & Historic Preservation Committee. Marian had emailed us in the past weeks with the information. The project title would be the Cyclone of May 21, 1918. Marian handed out copies of her most recent draft of the application. Mary Jayne arrived for the meeting. Marian pointed out areas of information she needed to get from Mary Jayne to fill in on the application. Marian asked all members present to review the draft copies closely and let her know of any errors/changes. She requested members contact her by early Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, so she can make any needed changes and prepare the final application. Marian plans on mailing the application on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, to the Sauk County Arts, Humanities & Historic Preservation Committee. The grant awards will be announced March 16, 2007. The motion was made by Karen and seconded by Dean to vote to approve applying for the grant on this project. A quorum of five directors was present and the vote was taken. Voting resulted in a unanimous approval.

Our treasurer, Mary Jayne Liegel handed out copies of her report. The treasury balance increased from December's balance of \$18,629.31 to a balance of \$28,378.63. Expenses paid out totaled \$204.14 (\$89.66 to Tim Cooper for a digital audio recorder, \$63.00 postage, \$55.48 envelopes, etc.). The ending treasury balance is \$28,174.49. The building fund and operating fund are each a part of the treasury's ending balance. The building fund balance increased from December's balance of \$15,685.79 to a current balance of \$25,020.11. Mary Jayne reported there were 54 contributors to the building fund. The operating fund's current balance is \$3,154.38.

Mary Frances and Mary Jayne reported that Phyllis completed the annual report and sent it in January 2, 2007 to the Wis. State Historical Society.

Mary Frances reported on scheduling the use of the American Legion's Brat Wagon in Plain as a fundraiser. Mary Frances has agreed to chair this project. The Legion charges \$50 per day to use the brat stand. She scheduled OFTHS to use the stand June 15 & 16 and Sept. 7 & 8. Five (5) total people will be needed per day to run the stand. She will contact Rita Brey for specific info regarding costs of and buying of supplies, etc. They charge \$2.50 for a brat and soda and figure approximately \$300/day profit after expenses are paid out.

Jim reported that due to the ground being frozen work won't start on the old town hall's foundation until late March or April. Also, there is a need to remove the old materials in the basement before contractors can start work.

Jim suggested we vote at our next meeting on the type of heat to use. Jim would like us to consider using the radiant floor heat for the downstairs and the Ptac heating and cooling in the wall for the upstairs. The choices of heat listed in the estimates lists from February 2006 are:

**Heating (4 options)**

1.	1 ó Carrier Ptac, (heating and cooling)	1300.00
	Cutting and framing hole in the wall.	500.00
2.	Forced air HVAC system	9000.00
3.	Modine Heater (overhead heater)	1750.00
4.	Radiant floor heat (using water heater)	3000.00

Bids for placing the sewer line from the street to the hall were discussed. Jim will try to get as much paperwork together regarding bids, etc. so this can be presented at the March Franklin Town Board Meeting.

Everyone is encouraged to bring back ideas for a hanging sign above the town hall's front door that would stick out toward the street. Bring suggestions to the next meeting of styles/designs and who could make the hanger and sign. Jim suggested a wooden sandblasted sign hanging from a wrought iron hanger. Mary Jayne and/or Mary Frances will check with the Robin's Nest in Loganville for an estimate and preliminary design sketch for a wrought iron hanger for the sign. Karen will get the information Phyllis has regarding the village zoning codes to determine the dimensions of the sign and hanger and email it to the members.

Ideas for the float for the July 2007 3-day Celebration are:

- Old wooden school bus
- Nun in school room
- Tornado wreckage, such as the old church, nun's house with curtains sticking out.

Planning for the float will continue at the next meeting.

Marian gave a report back from the PHGG (Plain History & Genealogy Group) meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup> to organize things PHGG could do to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Luke's. Gary Haas (leader of the PHGG) has created a booklet of photo stills with numbers printed on or near each individual from the 1937 movie. Gary has given this booklet to his dad to take around to local people in an effort to identify individuals in the movie. Names of individuals identified in the movie and the name of the person doing the identifying will be written onto an identification form in the back of the booklet. Other ideas Gary has are: web site, digital library of key documents, oral histories, web page to submit stories, photo identification,

photos of farms, tombstones, houses, convert images, audio, video to DVDs/CDs, lapel pins, monthly or weekly column in the *Home News* newspaper. The PHGG meeting concluded with the main focus for their next meeting being oral histories. Those attending the PHGG meeting were asked to bring to the next PHGG meeting (March 10<sup>th</sup>) questions for an oral questionnaire and names of elderly individuals to interview for oral histories.

A discussion followed Marian's report. It was observed that some past and current projects of the OFTHS are the same activities being pursued by the PHGG.

Marian made a motion to adjourn & Pat seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 1, 2007 in the Library.

Submitted by Karen Beth, Director.

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## **No Agenda for March**

March 8, 2007 - Minutes  
Old Franklin Township Historical Society

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in community room at the Kraemer Library. Present were the following: Dean & Marian Burmester, Wayne & Phyllis Dearborn, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Jim Geishirt & Pat Pulvermacher.

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

Motion was made by Jim & seconded by Wayne to approve the February 1, 2007 minutes emailed by Karen Beth.

Our treasurer, Mary Jayne Liegel passed around the financial report along with a list of our current membership. We had a balance of \$28,444.49 in February. For March the building fund \$25,445.11 & general \$3,239.06 with a total of \$28,684.17. Motion was made by Dean & seconded by Jim to approve the treasurer report.

Phyllis reported, that she is going to attend a workshop given by Jim Hansen on "Tough Genealogy" and held at the Memorial Union Library in Madison on Saturday, March 10, 2007.

There will be some changes on the newsletter & they will be mailed per US postal to all members.

There was discussion on what design to use for our float during the parade for the 3-day celebration at the end of July. At our previous meeting the idea of the old wooden horse drawn school bus had been brought up. Marian handed out pictures of the bus from the 1931 Chimes. This may be a challenging, but everyone seems to like the idea. Will give the ideas more thought.

Mary Jayne said we will be collecting & displaying anything that relates to St. Luke's. Marian gave Mary Jayne print out of communion photos from the societies Clara Hetzel collection, & her personal collection of the Brickl & her siblings. Mary Jayne said our displays that we put up & left for the 3-day in July will be left up through October & we can expand upon during this period. We need publicity for these open houses. Some ideas were posters & a banner outside the hall to bring attention to the open houses. Phyllis appointed Pat, Mary Jayne, Mary Francis and herself to a Publicity Committee for this purpose.

Jim gave a report on the remodel process. He will talk to Michael Alexander to see if he will be our head contractor, and Pat Nachreiner, Jan Kraemer, & Jeff Foster about sub-contracting. Since we need to know what type & number of lights & ceiling fans before the electricians can give an estimate, Phyllis will check with Madison Lighting. Wayne will check to see if the amp box that Ed Liegel is donating will fit our needs. Arrangement will be made to attend the village board meeting on Wednesday to see if the sanitary hook up fee can be waived and to get the okay for the sidewalk & ramp in back of the building. Also the snow will have to be removed so work can be started as soon as possible, hopefully in April. Phyllis appointed Wayne, Jim, Richard & Mary Jayne to a Renovating Committee, because many decisions will have to be made in between meeting during the remodel of the basement.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pat & second by Wayne.

Submitted by Marian Burmester, Director.

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## **No Agenda for April**

April 5, 2007 - Minutes  
Old Franklin Township Historical Society

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in community room at the Kraemer Library. Present were the following: Dean & Marian Burmester, Wayne & Phyllis Dearborn, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Jim Geishirt & Pat Pulvermacher.

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

Motion was made by Mary Jayne & seconded by Jim to approve the March 8, 2007 minutes emailed by Marian Burmester.

Our treasurer, Mary Jayne Liegel passed around the financial report. We had a balance of \$28,684.17 in March. Totals for April are the building fund \$25,955.11 & general \$3,264.06 with an ending treasury balance of \$29,219.17. Motion was made by Wayne & seconded by Jim to approve the treasurer report.

Phyllis reported that the township has removed the brush & fence from the south end of Pleasant Hill Cemetery. They are asking for advice on replacement of the fence. Since they have tried to save the cement posts, it was thought that a chain link might work. The township would like us

to map out the location of the stones, which will be difficult since many are in bad shape & not in original location. The Old Wisconsin Cemetery Association records will have to be researched at the WHS in Madison.

Phyllis also reported that Evelyn Belvins in Georgia has been called regarding a parlor organ from the Lloyd Gasser farm & the whetstone from the Fred Fisher farm, explaining our situation regarding the hall. She will keep the items until we can update her & decide whether we can use these items in the future. Phyllis will also notify Connie Blau, who had call Karen Beth about donating an early gas stove (the type that was made during the change over from wood to gas burning).

The basement will have to be cleared out for renovating.

Phyllis reported on the workshop given by Jim Hansen on "Tough Genealogy" and held at the Memorial Union Library in Madison on Saturday, March 10, 2007. Within the next month, the WHS Library will be announcing that they will be one of the sites, where you can order films from LDS at Salt Lake City & use their readers at the library. This will be one of the few sites outside of the LDS Family History Center ever granted this opportunity. They will charge a fee of \$7.50 per film. This is \$2.50 more than the Family History Centers, but the WHS Library has the advantage of being open more hours each week.

Marian has already email to everyone some of the feedback she has gotten on our first newsletter.

The Sauk County Arts & Humanities Council has awarded the \$2500 grant to gather & publish information on the 1918 cyclone. Before funds will be released our society will have fill out the contract & select three individuals that will evaluate our project. Phyllis has asked Maureen Palmer and Cindy Haag. Both have agreed. The third choice may be either Sharon Bettinger or Jennifer Kraemer.

Mary Jayne has checked with Paul Robbins concerning making the metal hanger for a sign to hang from the front of the old hall. It would be a simple scroll type metal hanger. He advice that the wooden sign should be attached in a manner that it would be able to swing. Otherwise a strong wind would rip it off. Paul's estimate is between \$150 to 200. According to code the sign should not extend more than 3 feet out & 10 feet above.

There was more discussion on designing our float to look like the old wooden horse drawn school bus for the parade during the 3-day celebration at the end of July. Check into getting an Amish wagon with wooden wheels. After school is out Mary Jayne will check on St. Luke's items to put into show cases. Everyone will continue to check on St. Luke's for our photo display.

Jim gave a report that we have building permit. He passed around altered plans. To cut down on the cost volunteers are needed. Ex: laying tubing for the radiant heat or painting. Jim has started talking with several contractors. Need to decide if we want an outdoor faucet now rather than

later. Sounds like the old fire station may be tore down in a couple years. The village will not wave the sewer & water fee, because they donø want to set a precedent.

Phyllis presented for our approval her proposed application of a mini grant through the Wisconsin Arts & Humanities in the amount of \$700. The purpose would be to purchase PastPerfect software, which would be used to access, manage & care for our collections. This would be a grant that we would have to match by looking for seven sponsors that would donate \$100 each. The motion of approval for application to this mini-grant was made be Jim & seconded by Dean to use this grant to purchase PastPerfect. Voting resulted in a unanimous approval. Karen Beth, one of the Directors, was not present but had emailed her approval earlier that evening.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim & second by Wayne.

Submitted by Marian Burmester, Director.

*Note: I have also emailed as an attachment Jims altered floor plans & his sign design. There was a suggested change to use a simple scroll instead of the word and on the sign.*

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#### OFTHS Agenda for May 3,2007

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

TREASURY REPORT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1)Application for \$700 Mini-grant from WI Historical Society for PastPerfect Software has been sent in. Will not know until July if we get it. Received 1-\$100 from Mayor Ray Ellenbolt toward the \$700 matching fund.

2) Franklin Township plans to install a new black metal fence along front of Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Will save what cement posts remain intact when they remove them-perhaps can be used to replace broken ones in remaining fenceline.

3) Pork Chop Dinner Benefit by I-Diehl Tap for OFTHS Renovation Fund- Sunday, May 6, Serving 11-3.

Need volunteers to deliver meals. Won't know till Saturday how many.

- 4) Sold 4 more of 1955 Town of Franklin Parade on DVD-\$80.00. Total sold so far=12.  
\$=240.00
- 5) Donation of ledger from the former Poplar Grove Cheese Factory-begins 1914. Donated by Betty Luther Carpenter, whose grandfather, Fred Luther, owned the factory then.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Sign redesign-see sample at meeting
- 2) Updates-Float, Exhibits for Open Houses and 150<sup>th</sup> in October.  
Jim Geishirtô working out on the road the month of May.
  - 1) Any further feedback re: newsletter.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) To-Do List for Tornado of 1918 Project
  - Marian-update on what already accomplished via email.
  - Grant money-how to handle
  - Write newspaper article
    - Ideas to put in the article
- 2) Update on Hall Renovation
  - Water & Sewer line in Trench dug along outside of north wall, now placing drain tile and rubber membrane
  - Basement- sump pump placement in SE corner; gas hot water heater will go in above it
  - Need to put in grab bars in bathroom as per ADA
  - Nachreiner Plbg. may have used wall-hung sink
  - Unable to use electrical box from Ed Liegel
- 3) Newsletter for June- need articles. Karen preparing one on the Claridge Stone House built in 1856.
  - In conjunction with this, could ask which is the oldest house in Franklin Township still standing? Possibly
  - could be the log portion of the Walter Bindl house where the 1<sup>st</sup> post office was located.
  - Oldest house in Plain?
- 4) Hold the June meeting at the Old Town Hall?

#### ADJOURNMENT:



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MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MAY 3, 2007

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

Motion made to approve minutes of April meeting emailed by Marian Burmester with the following correction: it should read "the proposed application of a mini grant through the Wisconsin Historical Society in the amount of \$700." Motion by Mary Frances, second by Dean to accept minutes.

Mary Jayne handed out copies of the Treasurer's report. There is \$29,171.08 in the treasury of the combined accounts of the General fund and Building fund. \$3,184.97 in the General account, and \$25,986.11 in the Building fund. Motion by Marian, second by Tim to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The following announcements were made: 1) Application for \$700 Mini-grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society for PastPerfect Software has been sent in. Will not know until July if we get it. 2) Franklin Township plans to install new black metal fence along front of Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Will save what cement posts remain intact when they remove them-perhaps can be used to replace broken ones in remaining fence line. 3) The Pork Chop Dinner Benefit by I-Diehl Tap for OFTHS Renovation Fund is Sunday May 6, serving 11-3. Mary Frances, Richard Nachreiner and Jim Geishirt will deliver meals. 4) Sold 4 more of the 1955 Town of Franklin Parade on DVD-\$80.00. Total sold so far=12, \$=240.00. 5) Donation of ledger of the former Poplar Grove Cheese Factory, by Betty Luther Carpenter, The ledger begins with 1914, the time when her grandfather Fred Luther owned the factory.

In old business, the subject of a redesign of the proposed sign for the outside of the building was discussed. Marian brought a sample. Motion was made by Marian, second by Mary Jayne to modify the sign design and go back to the font on the original drawing. Motion carried.

There was no further feedback on the first newsletter that Marian had prepared. All agreed it was very well done.

There was further discussion on how to procure items needed to make a replica of the horse drawn school bus used for St. Luke's students - the float planned for the parade in the Plain three day celebration.

In new business, a motion was made by Marian, second by Mary Frances to donate \$15.00 to the Wisconsin Council for Local History. Motion carried.

Mary Frances reported that the dates for OFTHS to sell brats at the Brat Wagon near the Cenex Station in Plain on Hwy 23, will be June 15 & 16, and September 7 & 8. We need to sign a form

Waiver of Liability for use of the trailer. Rent is \$50.00 each day ó gas and electricity provided. We will need five volunteers each day. Sandy will take care of procuring the pop.

Michael Alexander gave a report and handout on the update of progress on the Hall Renovation. The water and sewer line is in. A trench has been dug along outside of north wall, the drain tile and rubber membrane are being placed. Also informed that the sump pump will be placed in the SE corner of the basement and the gas hot water heater will go in above it. We will need to put in grab bars in the bathroom per ADA. We will not be able to use the electrical box donated by Ed Liegel.

Marian handed out a Tornado Project Agenda ó ideas and to do list for the coming spring and summer months that will get us started on the project to gather pics and stories regarding the 1918 Cyclone. We received the \$2500 grant from the Arts & Humanities Council of Sauk County to publish a history of this cyclone. Also included in the hand out was what has been accomplished so far.

Marian will prepare the June newsletter, but needs contributions of articles and ideas from others. Karen is preparing an article on the Claridge Stone House built in 1856. The newsletter is on the Plain website.

The June meeting of OFTHS will be held at the Old Franklin Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Dean, second by Marian.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

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#### OFTHS Agenda for June 7, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

TREASURY REPORT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) Phyllis has been asked to talk about our experience in forming a society at an initial meeting June 19 re: possible new society forming by the Harrisburgers in the Blackhawk-Witwen-Troy township area. The Harrisburg Homemakers have just completed their book about Troy Township and it is at the printers now. They need to do a final proof yet before publication. I have requested a copy thru Norma Clavadatscher, when they are available.

2) Do you love the Circus? Consider using your 20% off coupon to attend a special program at Circus World Museum Hippodrome showing circus costumes from 1890s to 1920s on June 9 at 10:30. Details on WHS website.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Sign ó final form-Jim Geishirt
- 2) Updates-Float, Exhibits for Open Houses and 150<sup>th</sup> in October.
- 3) Town Hall Renovation-what is done, what is needed, bills that have been paid

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Tornado of 1918 Project
  - Marian-update on what already accomplished via email.
  - Grant money-how to handle
  - Write newspaper article-Marian has a sample
  - Ideas to put in the article
- 2) Newsletter -
  - Should we consider publishing membership list 1 or 2 times/yr? Most societies list those new or renew since since last newsletter.
- 3) Consider Wine & Cheese Hour for members and those who have donated money
  - When?
  - Start planning events for next year-consider a cemetery walk- use all three cemeteries-people who have researched their ancestors in these cemeteries depict them in appropriate dress and tell their storyö
  - Could do on a Sunday afternoon and follow with a pie and ice cream social. Such as Peter Stutz, the storekeeper, John Cramer, the postmaster, Ed Kraemer, the contractor, Elizabeth Bettinger, the midwife, John Ring, the saloonkeeper, etc. Assemble list of possibilitiesö and who would tell about them.

2) Policies:

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| Open Hours:          | ?Thurs, Sat or Sunday-1:00-4:00, or by appointment      |
|                      | No cameras in research or museum area                   |
|                      | Daily research fee if <u>not</u> a member, or we can do |
| research for you for | You at _____/hr. Sauk County charges \$10.00; others    |
| charge \$3-4/day.    | Copy documents/photos at price already established.     |

ADJOURNMENT:

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MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
JUNE 14, 2007

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Old Franklin Town Hall building. Present: Marian and Dean Burmester, Phyllis Dearborn, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion to approve minutes of May meeting Sandy emailed to members made by Marian, second by Phyllis. Motion carried.

Mary Jayne handed out copies of the Treasurer's report. There is a total of \$8119.08 in the combined Building Fund and General Fund. The balance of the Building fund is \$4899.11, and the balance in the general fund is \$3219.97. Michael Alexander was paid \$21,895.00 for work done up to June 5. This included materials and labor. Motion by Dean, second by Sandy to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Phyllis has been asked to talk about our experience in forming a society at an initial meeting June 19 regarding a possible new society forming by the Harrisburgers in the Blackhawk-Witwen-Troy township area. The Harrisburg Homemakers have just completed their book about Troy Township and it is at the printer's now. They need to do a final proof yet before publication. Phyllis has requested a copy through Norma Clavadatscher when they are available.

In old business, the motions carried at the May meeting regarding the proposed sign for the outside of the building have been further discussed since the meeting. It was decided to postpone any action on these motions on sign preparation until the July meeting when Jim Geishirt can be present, and these motions can be further discussed.

Regarding fundraising, Mary Jayne will chair a committee to brainstorm fundraising for further renovation. At this point, we are in great need of funds to continue the renovation. The township will be paying for the windows in the lower level.

Phyllis bought eight chairs at \$5.00 each from UW Swap Shop for use in the lower level of the Old Franklin Town Hall. All agreed they were a real bargain.

Final plans for the brat stand on Saturday June 15, were discussed.

Updates on the float for the parade at the Plain 3 day celebration, exhibits for the open house that day at the Old Franklin Town Hall, and exhibits for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Luke's to be held in October were discussed.

In new business, Marian updated us on the Cyclone of 1918 Project. Newspapers that have agreed to publish an article regarding our seeking information on the cyclone/tornado are in Iowa, and the Reedsburg Independent. We will be asking for pictures and reminiscences. Marian will also put an article about it in the next newsletter.

On the question of publishing membership lists once or twice a year in the newsletter, it was decided to wait to publish these names until some time in the future.

The proposed Wine & Cheese Hour for members and those who have donated money discussion was tabled for a later meeting. Also listed on the agenda, but not discussed was to start planning events for next year such as a cemetery walk ó using all three cemeteries with people who have researched their ancestors in these cemeteries depict them in appropriate dress and òtell their story.ö Also tabled was discussion on policies to be set by the society regarding research fees and on hours to be open when we are at that point in restoration.

Sandy Stiemke and Karen Beth have donated a CD of the Index to theö History of Plainö by Hildegarde Thering that they completed, to OFTHS. They would like OFTHS to use this index to raise funds for the society. Printed copies of the Index could be sold. Marian offered to print out a few copies to have available, with her costs being reimbursed. The Sauk County Historical Museum and the Kraemer Library will receive a printed copy as a gift from Karen and Sandy.

An important change to the time and date of our next meeting to be held in July: A combined work and annual meeting, including election of officers, will be held on July 14 at 10:00 A.M. in the Old Franklin Town Hall.

Motion by Marian, second by Phyllis to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

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## **No Agenda for July**

### MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY JULY 14, 2007

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Old Franklin Town Hall building. Present: Marian Burmester, Tim Cooper, Phyllis and Wayne Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion to approve minutes of June meeting Sandy emailed to members made by Marian, second by Phyllis. Motion carried.

Mary Jayne handed out copies of the Treasurer's report. There is a total of \$14,810.10 in the combined Building Fund and General Fund. The balance in the building fund is \$11,165.13, and the balance in the general fund is \$3644.97. Income included donations of \$5650.00 and \$720.25 was cleared from the brat sale on June 14 and 15. Motion by Mary Frances, second by Marian to accept the Treasurer's report.

In announcements, a permanent loan agreement between Sauk County Historical Museum and OFTHS has been signed that allows us to have physical custody of the Fern Hill School Records

that were once donated by Henry Ferstl to SCHM. Peter Shrake gave Phyllis the collection along with a copy of the agreement that basically says we have them unless our society goes defunct. When Phyllis actually checked the contents of the box, the first school register was missing. She has talked with Mary Stieve, and Mary will look for it and let us know when she finds it.

There was a question about the necessity of filling out an IRS form when income goes over \$25,000 in a year. Mary Jayne said that \$20,000 of our income was from 2006, and unless we get a sizeable donation between now and December 31, we would not go over \$25,000. Mary Jayne will call Ralph Ruhland about his opinion on filing or not.

We received notification from the Wisconsin Historical Society that our mini-grant application for PastPerfect has NOT been funded. There were 51 proposals, many were quality applications, but funding was available for only 18. We will try again next year.

In old business, discussion on the proposed sign for the outside of the building which had been tabled until Jim Geishirt could be present, was further discussed. A hand vote to place OFTHS on the top of the sign carried. It was decided to use a different font than the one first selected so it will be easier to read. Jim will select a suitable font.

Those present toured the lower level to see the progress made in renovation. Jim will prepare a list of what still needs to be done downstairs, including shelving. The plan is to have a volunteer paint crew to do the window wells etc. It was decided to wait until after the 3 day celebration to do work that our volunteer crew could do. This will give visitors touring the building an idea of how far we have come and how much more we need to accomplish, both physically and financially. Tim volunteered to look into ideas for equipment for the computer area.

Mary Frances requested Mary Jayne prepare an accounting of itemized expenses for the brat sale. That way we can know in the future what we need to get.

In new business, Marian reported on the Tornado of 1918 Project. Since our last monthly meeting, Marian emailed to everyone an update of what has been accomplished so far. We have received responses to the newspaper articles. Oral histories regarding the tornado have also begun.

July is the month of the annual meeting and election of officers. Motion by Wayne, second by Tim to keep all officers in place for the next year. Motion by Wayne, second by Phyllis, to re-elect Karen Beth to a three-year term as director. Both motions carried.

Plans for the open house on Sunday of the 3 day were discussed. Because a popcorn machine is unavailable this year, it was decided to have lemonade only, and serve it in the basement. We will need to get cups and napkins. Mary Jayne has already done a great job displaying memorabilia upstairs for our exhibit. On the day of the open house we should report at 9:30-10:00 am to help with final details. Hours will be 11-4:00 P.M. The basement will be open so people can view what has been done so far. Signs will be put up where bookshelves and computer stations will be. We will have a site downstairs where people can sign up for membership. We will need 1 or 2 people in the basement to serve lemonade and hand out

newsletters, and talk about membership. Mary Jayne will be upstairs to answers on the exhibit. A greeter outside with a guest book is planned. We will leave the exhibit up until October when the St. Luke's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration occurs. We will not have any regular hours between now and October. Marian offered to prepare a poster and email it to members for approval and then members can print copies out and distribute them.

Mary Frances suggested a small hand out advertising the exhibit/open house at the Old Town Hall be distributed to those standing in line at the chicken barbeque down at the park. Catchy signs will be needed for the basement and entrance to direct visitors attention, and in areas where our needs/wishes are for future improvements. Mary Frances and Mary Jayne will work on this.

Wayne reported on the progress of the float ó a replica of St. Luke's first school bus. The chassis is owned by Vern Schnoor of Irish Valley. Michael Alexander and Wayne have been building the top part. Wayne showed us a picture of what has been accomplished so far. Marian reported that the banners from C & H Distributing have been ordered.

If we need to meet again for a workday on the exhibit, Phyllis will email everyone.

Motion by Mary Frances to amend our media agreement to read "õ\$5.00 per pictureö. Second by Phyllis. Motion carried.

Marian has printed out copies of the index of the History of Plain by Hildegard Thering. We will have the indexes available for sale at the open house for \$10.00 a copy.

Motion by Mary Frances, second by Phyllis to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

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#### OFTHS Agenda for September 6, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm in history room area. Presenters for Indian Artifacts will be setting up in the Community Room by 7:00pm. We should adjourn by 7:15 so we can welcome anyone coming for the presentation, hand out membership blanks, remind people to sign-in.  
MINUTES: approval of July minutes

TREASURY REPORT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) OFTHS will be working the brat stand on Friday and Saturday, Sept 7 & 8. Please come and support our fundraiser.  
Mary Frances: help needed.
- 2)

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Tornado project-setup a meeting to divide up the writing around the info already gathered.  
Think about making a calendar using 12 cyclone photos ómake copies to sell for 2009.  
Talk to Marion Porter or Wayne Schutte on how they did it successfully last year.
- 2) Update: Town Hall Renovation-what is done & what needs doing before freeze-up.  
Mary Frances & Richard & Wayne have applied the primer coat to the drywall.  
Consider Motion to allow society to borrow funds from Jim Geishirt, provided his offer still stands.
- 3) Followup: MaryJayne-re: Ralph Ruhland opinion on tax filing.
- 4) Setup meeting time to brainstorm re: further fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Jennifer Kraemer from Friends of the Kraemer Library contacted Phyllis Aug 23 re: pictures that we might have that they would like to blow up and hang in the library. Motion needed to approve/disapprove.

Chili Supper November 3-Mary Frances

ADJOURNMENT:

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MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
September 6, 2007

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the history room area of the Kraemer Library. Present: Karen Beth, Marian and Dean Burmester, Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Richard and Mary Frances Nachreiner, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion to approve minutes of July meeting Sandy emailed with the correction of time of meeting to read 10:00 A.M. instead of 7:00 P.M, made by Mary Frances, second by Marian. Motion carried.

Mary Jayne handed out copies of the Treasurer's report for August and September. There is a balance of \$9,981.30 in the combined Building Fund, General Fund, and Grant money (\$2500) for the Cyclone project. There is \$4168.08 in the Building Fund and \$3313.22 in the General Fund. Income included \$385.00 from memberships and sponsors, donations, and sale of books, index and CD, and the \$2500 to be used for work on the Cyclone project. Expenses of \$655.69 included float expenses, brat stand expenses and paint and plexiglass. Motion by Mary Frances, second by Marian to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.



In announcements, a reminder of the upcoming brat stand fundraiser on Sept. 7 and 8. The request for additional help was filled by volunteers.

Phyllis handed out the schedule for Parish Archives Viewing during St. Luke's 150<sup>th</sup> Festivities. Displays will be at both St. Luke's School Gym in the basement, and at the Old Town Hall, 915 Wachter Avenue, prepared by the OFTHS.

Our rent for the Franklin Town Hall was due the first of August. A motion by Mary Frances, second by Phyllis to pay the \$1.00 for rent 2007-2008 year and re-address the possibility of paying more than one year at a time next year. Motion carried.

In old business, Phyllis will email members to set up a tentative date for a meeting on the Tornado project for the purpose of dividing up the writing of the info already collected.

Phyllis gave an update on the Town Hall Renovation. Mary Frances, Richard, and Wayne have applied the primer coat to the drywall. The heating system will need to be installed before winter. Caulking also needs to be done. Jim will find out what it is going to cost yet to get the fixtures in, and water heater installed and stack done before winter.

Regarding the IRS form discussed at the last meeting, Mary Jayne reported that she has checked with Ralph Ruhland and he advised filling out the form to the box that states that we have taken in less than \$25,000.

In new business, Phyllis stated that Jennifer Kraemer from Friends of the Kraemer Library had contacted her on August 23 regarding pictures that we have that they would like to blow up and hang in the library. Discussion resulted in the consensus that there would have to be a designation on each picture that gives credit to the Old Franklin Township Historical Society as the source. Phyllis will find out from her how many they want, and the requirement of OFTHS to be recognized, and report back to us.

Mary Frances reported that there will be no charge to us by the Legion for use of the building for the chili supper on November 3. We will probably need additional help beyond the society members. Mary Frances is working on that.

Motion by Marian, second by Karen to adjourn. A program in the Community Room of the Library "Indian Artifact Presentation", sponsored by OFTHS followed the meeting at 7:30 P.M. A slide presentation and talk was given by Thomas C. Pleger, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anthropology/Archeology, and Dean of UW Baraboo; and Joe Wankerl displayed and discussed his Indian artifact collection.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

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## No Agenda for October

### MINUTES OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 4, 2007

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. in the Community Room of the Kraemer Library. Present: Marian and Dean Burmester, Phyllis and Wayne Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion to approve minutes of September meeting Sandy emailed made by Mary Frances, second by Wayne. Motion carried.

Mary Jayne handed out copies of the Treasurer's Report for September. There is a balance of \$10,748.06 in the combined Building Fund, General Fund, and Grant money (\$2500) for the Cyclone project. There is \$4934.45 in the Building Fund and \$3313.61 in the General Fund. Income included \$654.39 from brat sale on Sept. 7 & 8. Expenses of \$253.04 included brat stand expenses and stamps. Motion by Mary Frances, second by Marian to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

The announcements included donations of these items: 1) Sr. Jean Ferstl souvenir bowl from Nachreiner & Beck; plat books & farm directories from the 50's and 60's by Kathy Dwyer; carved walnut floor easel, and sample board of different barb wires used in the Old West by Rosemary & Bob Pulvermacher. 2) We will receive \$1600 from the Sauk County Arts, Humanities & Historic Preservation Committee for the purchase of the PastPerfect Museum Management Software. 3) Joe Wankel will write an article for the December newsletter summarizing Professor Pleger and his presentation on Indian Cultures in Wisconsin and representative artifacts. 4) Mary Stieve from Sauk County Historical Society has found the 1<sup>st</sup> Teacher's Register for the Fern Hill School Records and Phyllis has picked it up. We now have all these records on Permanent Loan from them.

Phyllis also handed out the new requirements starting in 2008 for Federal Tax Return on non-profit organizations.

Phyllis also reported that painting and staining of window frames in the lower level of the Old Franklin Town Hall is complete, except for the window frames and stairs by the back door. The final coat of paint needs to be put on the walls also.

Phyllis said she attended the Lions meeting in Plain on October 2 to ask for a donation. She took along a few small artifacts, the Nachreiner & Beck bowl, and Winnebago Indian basket to show as samples of what our society's mission is about: collecting and displaying objects that represent part of our local history.

In old business, Phyllis stated that the Old Franklin Township building will be open on Oct. 13, 14, 20, and 21 for the St. Luke's display. Will need two people each day. Volunteers were signed up.

Mary Frances gave an update on the chili supper on Nov. 3 at the Legion building. Volunteers signed up for jobs and each person will need to bring 2 9x13 pans of bars.

Jim Geishirt gave a further update from Mike Alexander & Pat Nachreiner regarding amount needed to complete installation of plumbing fixtures and the hot water heater to supply the radiant heat to the floor, before winter. Pat Nachreiner stated that it would take \$3000 to get heat going, hot water heater system, sink and plumbing for sink. Jim will ask Mike Alexander for copies of costs from the electrician that we have already paid. Motion by Mary Jayne, second by Wayne to do the plumbing & electrical necessary and spend up to \$7000. , if needed, to complete the plumbing and electrical work. Motion carried.

Marian gave an update on the Cyclone Project. A date will be set up after the Chili Supper for those interested in helping write the cyclone history to get together.

Marian handed out a sample of possible change in the newsletter. This will be on our next newsletter, öIt was decided at our October meeting that to continue to receive our newsletter, you must be a member or have donated money to our historical society.ö

Motion by Marian, second by Mary Jayne to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandy Stiemke, Secretary.

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## **No Agenda for November**

### MINUTES OF THE OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY November 1, 2007

President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m in the Community Room of the Kraemer Library. Present were: Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Frances Nachreiner, MaryJayne Liegel. Sandy Stiemke and Dean and Marian Burmester were excused from attending.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved with stipulation to change wording in second last paragraph to read: Phyllis also reported that staining of window frames and stairs by back door still needs to be done, along with 2<sup>nd</sup> coat to walls. Motion made by Jim Geishirt and seconded by Mary Frances Nachreiner.

MaryJayne presented the Treasurer's Report: There is a balance of \$12,307.40 in the combined Building Fund, General Fund, and Grant money. Balance in General Fund = \$3,196.55, in Building Fund=\$4995.85, and in the Grants for Tornado Project and PastPerfect Software = \$4115.00. Expenses were: \$117.06 for book holders and Printers from Ed Kraemer. Income

included \$61.40 to the Building fund from sale of 1 Index book, and sale of pictures along with door donations from the 150<sup>th</sup> exhibit. The total raised for our building fund in the last year = \$34,484.12. Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Phyllis Dearborn, and seconded by Jim Geishirt.

Phyllis announced the following: we have received the check from Sauk County Arts & Humanities for the PastPerfect software. Joe Wankerl has written an article about the Indian Artifacts Presentation for our December newsletter. Donations since last meeting are: stained glass pieces from the 3<sup>rd</sup> church from Bob & Joanne Schanke; a copy of *Kraemer Chronicle* from Gwen & Duane Kraemer, St. Luke's Class of 1947 pictures from Carrie Dischler, German prayer book and 1940 Chimes from John & Carolyn Frank. Phyllis also announced that she and Wayne will be in Arizona for January, February, and March.

Mary Frances updated us on the Chili Supper plans. Tables will be setup on Friday by Mary Frances and Phyllis. All help will plan to be there by 3:30 on Saturday. Discussed was trying a few items in addition to the Tailgate Table for a silent auction, such as 6 dozen Christmas cookies, 1 homemade pie per month x 6 months or as bidder wants, hickory nutmeats.

Estimate to complete electrical work by Neumann is \$1500. Phyllis will call Neumann re: delivery of conduit for ceiling so it can be painted and also have him call Pat Nachreiner re: what wiring is needed to complete hot water system hookup.

New business: discussed need for new back door vs. rigid 2" insulation put over doorway for the winter. Mary Frances will contact Umhoefer Lumber. Also discussed purchase of remaining 2 light fixtures for basement and one for entry way, so Neumann can complete the electrical work. Phyllis will look for fixtures.

Mary Frances recommended we no longer send copies of minutes to those who are not members, and all agreed. We will continue to send a copy of the minutes to Joe Prem, President of the Franklin Town Board. Phyllis reminded the board of Jennifer Kraemer's wish to look at pictures from our files that could be blown up and hung in the library. We will try to get together pictures in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November.

Motion made by Jim Geishirt, and seconded by Mary Jayne Liegel, to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Phyllis Dearborn, president, in Sandy Stiemke's absence.

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**No Agenda for December**

December 13, 2007 - Minutes  
Old Franklin Township Historical Society

Our President Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Old Franklin Town Hall. Present were the following: Dean & Marian Burmester, Tim Cooper, Phyllis & Wayne Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel & Mary Frances Nachreiner.

Motion was made by Dean Burmester to approve the November 1, 2007 emailed minutes & Mary Frances Nachreiner seconded the motion.

Our treasurer, Mary Jayne Liegel passed around the Financial Report.

General Fund balance - \$3,496.06

Renovation Building Fund balance - \$2,610.76

Wayne Dearborn made a motion to accept the Treasurers report & Tim seconded.

Announcements:

- 1) Kathy Bindl donated to the society a picture she drew of the First Mass at Plain. This picture had been exhibited at the Parish 150<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Phyllis Dearborn donated 1 copy each of the following booklets written in commemoration of St. Luke's 150<sup>th</sup>.
  - Women Religious From St. Luke's Parish
  - Priest-sons of St. Luke's Parish
  - Pastors Who Served St. Luke's Parish 1857-2007
- 3) Wayne installed rigid insulation over the back door and underneath the steps. The sheet for the back door was donated by Umhoefer Do-It Center. Total of 3 sheets were used.
- 4) Kraemer Bros. may have a copier for us-need to talk further with Jennifer Kraemer.
- 5) The Franklin Town Board was to have checked out what was done so far in the basement prior to their meeting last week. No feedback from them yet. Joe Prem is to get back to us re: heat & electrical bills for over the winter.

*\*Note just before adjournment Joe Prem stopped by. The town board decided that the bill would be divided-half would be paid by the Township & the half would be paid by the OFTHS.*

Old Business:

- 1) Completion of staining & varnishing window frames will need to wait until spring.
- 2) Floor could be sealed during winter if heat is turned up.
- 3) It also was noted that the windows weren't sealed very well, because you could feel the cold air coming through.
- 4) Still need to select pictures that Jennifer Kraemer will consider for enlarging to hang in the library.

Cyclone Project 6 Nov. 18 we had our first meeting prior to writing. Phyllis Dearborn, Sandy Stiemke, Marian Burmester, Mary Jayne Liegel, Jim Greenheck & Tom Whalen were present. Marian has most of the newspapers collected, scanned & transcribed into MS Word. Jim Greenheck loaned his large scrapbook to Marian to scan, since his wife has some health problems & it would be too difficult to work out otherwise. They were scanned & returned to Jim by Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Phyllis will cover writing the weather & Plain area. Mary Jayne will assist Phyllis with the Plain area. Sandy with the help of Jim & Tom will cover writing the Lone Rock

area. Marian will write the Portage/Poynette area & central Iowa. Any other volunteers are welcome.

It was brought to attention at this monthly meeting that everyone involved with working on this project needs to have access to the material collected so far. But we need to be reminded that this material belongs to the project & OFTHS and any individual use for family or local history might be considered after the finish of the project. Phyllis will work on writing & sending a memorandum out to everyone that is already involved or may in the future become involved.

#### New Business:

Mary Frances Nachreiner made a suggestion that we purchase spoons to be used at the annual chili supper. In the past we borrowed the spoons from the school & they varied & some were quite large. After discussion it was decided that Mary Frances would shop for some cheapies that would be a size between a teaspoon & tablespoon.

There hasn't been much feedback on the new change in sending our newsletter. There was a question on how long we should continue to send newsletters to monetary donors. It decided through discussion that we should continue through the year of 2008, since it is a two-year renovation fund drive & would be difficult to track a year for people that donate late in a year.

Mary Frances & Richard Nachreiner will check periodically that the heater in the old town hall basement is operating properly over the winter. Recently the thermostat has been set at 49 degrees.

#### Goals for 2008:

- 1) Purchase PastPerfect Software with grant money. Will need a computer with at least 1024 mg RAM. Jim obtained a computer from his work place that may meet the criteria.
- 2) Setup committees.
- 3) Wireless internet might be considered down the road someday.
- 4) Finish the rest of the basement painting, staining etc.
- 5) Bookcases either build or purchase & install. We should all give it some thought as to what type, how large & where they should be located.
- 6) Table ó Michael Alexander might build a table, if not need to check on other alternatives.
- 7) Large file ó needs a table built & will have to be moved. Dean Burmester said he would be able to get large dollies from work to assist in moving it down to the basement. Will also need some sort of ramp.
- 8) Need to set a Renovation Opening date. Goal would be spring & tentative date May Day.
- 9) 3-day theme ideas
  - Cyclone
  - Agriculture related
  - Think of other ideas
- 10) Do we want a float again this year? It was mentioned that if we stop we might never go back to it again. It does help to get our name out in the public. Consider something on a smaller scale.
- 11) Further fundraising activities. Mary Frances & Mary Jayne will work on a letter to be sent to area businesses. They will also try to include businesses outside the Franklin Township. Marian will help critique the letter.

Phyllis ended by mentioning that she again has the forms for farms in the community that would like their farms placed in the Century Farm Honor.

Dean Burmester made a motion to adjourn & Mary Jayne Liegel seconded the motion.

Thanks to Mary Frances we all enjoyed cookies following the meeting.

Submitted by Marian Burmester, Director, in the absence secretary, Sandy Stiemke.