

2011 MINUTES

Old Franklin Township Historical Society minutes
Old Town Hall-Plain, WI
February 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Eugene Hausner at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Mary Jayne Liegel, Steve Biggers, Bill Bergman, Ed and Mary Prem, and Gene & Georgene Hausner.

The secretary's minutes of December 2nd meeting were discussed. Steve Biggers made a motion to accept the minutes, and Ed Prem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no treasurer's report available. Mary Jane noted that ten (10) memberships and sponsorships were received since last month.

Steve Biggers reviewed two bids for the planned exterior work; Eric Ruhland for the West windows, and extension of the window frame jams on the South basement wall, and Bruce Bodendein, for the completing of the South wall stone cap. Each contractor will honor their bids submitted in 2010. Steve Biggers is following up with each contractor regarding the scheduling of the work this Spring.

The planned theme for the 2011 exhibits at the museum will focus on the 1940's. Several different ideas were discussed and will be expanded upon at the planned March 3, 2011 meeting.

An update by Mary Jane Liegel was presented relating to the recent purchase of fire proof files for the OFTHS building. The files will be moved to the museum in the near future, subject to availability of manpower. The vendor also provided a \$50.00 credit to the OFTHS.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Bergman, and seconded by Ed Prem. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/

Old Franklin Township Historical Society minutes
Old Town Hall-Plain, WI
March 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Eugene Hausner at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Marian & Dean Burmeister, Mary Jayne Liegel, Steve Biggers, Mary Prem, Sandy Steimke, and Gene & Georgene Hausner.

The secretary's minutes of February 3rd meeting were discussed. Marian Burmeister made a motion to accept the minutes, and Mary Prem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no treasurer's report available. Sandy Steimke turned in \$30.00 for the OFTHS publication "Path of Destruction".

Steve Biggers reviewed the two bids received for the planned exterior work. Eric Ruhland and Bruce Bodendein will be starting the project this Spring. Steve is following up Tom Freiberg at Umhoefer's regarding the cost of the windows for the West side.

The planned theme for the 2011 exhibits at the museum will focus on the 1940's. Several different ideas were discussed and will be expanded upon at the planned April 7, 2011 meeting.

The timetable for the Spring Brat sale will be set after Mary Frances contacts Connie Schweiss for the scheduling on the calendar.

No further follow up needed at this time regarding the storage files, which are scheduled to be moved pending availability of labor and weather conditions

Regarding informational items, Sandy Steinke provided historical photos of "Historic Plain", donated by Betty Brockman.

There was follow up information from Joe Prem, regarding the current insurance on the Old Town Hall, and the contents of the township, but no insurance on the contents of the OFTHS.

Steve Biggers will ask Tim Nachreiner to help with the Chili Supper again this Fall.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Biggers, and seconded by Mary Jane Liegel. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/

Old Franklin Township Historical Society minutes
Old Town Hall-Plain, WI
April 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Eugene Hausner at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Mary Jayne Liegel, Steve Biggers, Bill Bergman, Sandy Stiemke, and Gene & Georgene Hausner.

The secretary's minutes of March 3rd meeting were reviewed. Steve Biggers made a motion to accept the minutes, and Bill Bergman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no treasurer's report available.

Steve Biggers reviewed the planned exterior work. The two windows for the West wall are scheduled to arrive April 20th. The items on the 2nd floor of the West wall will need to be removed before starting the window replacement by Eric Ruhland. Judd Painting will provide a bid to repaint the west wall, after the existing vinyl siding is removed.

There was discussion regarding a raffle as a fund raiser. The group felt the process involved with a raffle, including the permit, advertising, and selling of the tickets would involve a lot of time, which falls on our existing members, and felt another brat sale would be more beneficial for our group.

The next work day at the museum is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, starting at 9:00 A.M. Everyone is encouraged to participate, which will reduce the time of our tidying up the building for the planned open house.

The storage file recently purchased by the OFTHS, was secured by Mary Jane Liegel's family. Many thanks for their extra efforts in moving and delivering this challenging item.

As the OFTHS has received a hand made quilt recently, Steve Bigger will donate a quilt rack for displaying the historical item.

Assisting with the preparation of the Chili for the annual Fall Chili Supper will include Bill Bergman, Gene Hausner, and Tim Nachriener.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Bergman, and seconded by Steve Biggers. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/

Old Franklin Township Historical Society minutes
Old Town Hall-Plain, WI
May 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Mary Jane Liegel at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Mary Jayne Liegel, Dean & Marian Burmester, Steve Biggers, Sandy Stiemke, Georgene Hausner, Mary Frances Nachriener, Mark Greimel, and Ken Kraemer, guest speaker.

Ken Kraemer presented a proposal to the Wisconsin Historical Society & Wisconsin Council for Local History Mini-Grant Program for 2011. This project proposes to create a family history archive of German emigrants from the Oberpfalz area of Bavaria who immigrated to Sauk County and to preserve the collection by producing DVD's, which can be distributed for public use. A motion to approve the project proposal and pursue the grant by Marian Burmester, and seconded by Georgene Hausner. Motion carried.

The secretary's minutes of April 7th meeting were reviewed. Marian Burmester made a motion to accept the minutes, and Mary Prem seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed, and a motion by Sandy Stiemke to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mary Prem. Motion carried.

Gene will follow up with the community players to see if they can use the two vertical accent lights, and also obtain an estimate of cost for a dehumidifier for the first floor of the museum.

Steve Biggers reviewed the planned exterior work. The unseasonal weather has delayed the project. Eric Ruhland will extend the window frames on the South side wall before Bruce Bodendein starts the masonry work. The items on the 2nd floor of the West wall will need to be removed before starting the window replacement by Eric Ruhland. Judd Painting will provide a bid to repaint the west wall, after the existing vinyl siding is removed.

Just a reminder, for Saturday, May 21st clean up work day to bring buckets, sponges, and cleaners.

The brat sale week end is scheduled for Friday/Saturday, June 24-25th. The brats need to be ready by 9:30 A.M, Saturday, June 25th, as bikers will come through during the early morning. Mary Jane and Mary Prem will bake cookies for the event. A work schedule time frame will be prepared.

Vernon Bindl has antique farm items to share with the OFTHS, which Mary Jane Liegel will follow up and report back at a future meeting.

A motion to adjourn by Mary Frances, and seconded by Mary Prem. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/

Old Franklin Township Historical Society minutes
Old Town Hall-Plain, WI
June 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Hausner at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Mary Jayne Liegel, Dean & Marian Burmester, Gene & Georgene Hausner, Mary Frances Nachriener, and Mark Greimel.

The secretary's minutes of May 5th meeting were reviewed. Marian Burmester made a motion to accept the minutes, and Dean Burmester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed, and a motion by Dean Burmester to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Georgene Hausner. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the nominations for Man & Women of the Year. The nominations will be reviewed at the OFTHS meeting on July 7th, and the selection made.

There was discussion and additional input relating to the 1940's theme relating to the museum theme for the 1940's.

The work schedule for the brat sale weekend of June 24-25th was finalized by chairperson Mary Frances Nachriener.

Eric Ruhland has indicated the building of the shelving at the museum would be under taken during the coming Winter.

A motion to adjourn by Dean Burmester, and seconded by Mary Jane Liegel. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/

Old Franklin Township Historical Society minutes
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July 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Hausner at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Mary Jayne Liegel, Dean & Marian Burmester, Gene & Georgene Hausner, Mary Frances Nachriener, Bill Bergman, and Sandy Steinke.

The secretary's minutes of June 2nd meeting were reviewed. Sandy Steinke made a motion to accept the minutes, and Mary Jane Liegel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed, and a motion by Dean Burmester to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Bill Bergman. Motion carried.

The Brat Sale report was presented with a summary of the costs and associated income by Chairperson, Mary Frances Nachriener.

Mary Frances presented the names submitted for 2011 Man & Women of the Year. The nominees included; Norman Kraemer, Jerry Kraemer, Ed Prem, Linda Paulus, and Mary Ann Liegel. Upon no further nominations being received Bill Bergman made a motion to close nominations, and Dean Burmester seconded the motion. Motion carried. After the members attending voted, Ed Prem and Mary Ann Liegel was selected to represent the OFTHS 2011 Man & Women of the year, with Jerry Kraemer and Linda Paulus as alternate candidates.

A grant of \$500.00 was received from Sauk Co. Good Idea application for the CD Project, while the Mini Grant application was not funded. Ken Kraemer is continuing to work with representatives from Germany on the DVD Project.

The June 2011 OFTHS Newsletter was presented by Marian Burmester for distribution in the area.

Vernon Bind] has donated a book of letters from the Civil War Era to the museum.

Rosemary Pulvermacker dropped off a 1920 picture of St. Luke's Church Confirmation Class for display at the museum.

A motion to nominate and cast a unanimous ballot for; Gene Hausner, President, Mary Jane Liegel, Vice-President, Georgene Hausner, Secretary, and Mary Frances, for Treasurer, by Bill Bergman, and seconded by Dean Burmester. Motion carried. Bill Bergman was nominated and elected to fill the director's position, as Dean Burmester's term expired.

The scheduled date of the Fall Chili Supper was set for Saturday, November 12th.

A motion to adjourn by Dean Burmester, and seconded by Marian Burmester. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/

Old Franklin Township Historical Society minutes
Old Town Hall-Plain, WI
August 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Hausner at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Mary Jayne Liegel, Dean & Marian Burmester, Gene & Georgene Hausner, Mary Frances Nachriener, Bill Bergman, and Sandy Steinke.

The secretary's minutes of July 7th meeting were reviewed, and amended to read a DVD from Ken Kraemer... Mary Frances made a motion to accept the amended minutes, and Marian Burmester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed, and a motion by Marian Burmester to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mary Jane Liegel. Motion carried.

The plans for the Fall Open Houses include that the museum will be open the 1st and 3rd Sundays, and also Tuesdays through October 2011.

The Legion Hall is reserved for Saturday November 12th for the annual Chili Supper event.

The West side of the Building restoration is complete, with the building stone date, and the painting completed by Judd Painting. Discussion followed regarding of the painting of the entrance door. Follow up regarding vendors who could perform this job is underway. The planned bookcases on the second floor will be completed by Eric Ruhland. Mary Frances will follow up with Mr. Ruhland.

Mary Frances read a thank you note from Mary Ann Liegel, who was the recipient of the OFTHS 2011 Women of the Year.

Preliminary estimates for the planned North side of the building will be discussed as a budget item at the September meeting.

A motion by Bill Bergman to adjourn, and Seconded by Dean Burmester. Motion Carried.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/

Old Franklin Township Historical Society Minutes
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September 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Hausner at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Mary Jayne Liegel, Dean & Marian Burmester, Gene & Georgene Hausner, Mary Frances Nachriener, Bill Bergman, Steinke, Mary Prem, and Ken Kraemer.

The secretary's minutes of August 4th meeting were reviewed. Bill Bergman made a motion to accept the amended minutes, and Dean Burmester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed, and a motion by Marian Burmester to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Dean Burmester. Motion carried.

Ken Kramer led discussion regarding the planned release of the DVD. 500 copies of the DVD should arrive by October, which includes a brochure and instruction of how to view. Each DVD is numbered for tracking by the OFTHS. A local presentation is planned by Gary Haas on Saturday, October 8th at the Plain Library.

The Legion Hall is reserved for Saturday November 12th for the annual Chili Supper event. Mary Frances will follow up on carry out containers for the event, and also prepare a work schedule to be presented at the October meeting. Chili Posters will be prepared by Marian Burmester for distribution to all the communities by the officers and Board of Directors.

There was discussion regarding coordination of the electronic files of the various historical documents, and the location in the OFTHS Museum hard files.

A motion by Mary Frances Nachriener to adjourn, and Seconded by Sandy Steinke. Motion Carried.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/

Old Franklin Township Historical Society Minutes
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October 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Hausner at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Mary Jayne Liegel, Dean & Marian Burmester, Gene & Georgene Hausner, Mary Frances Nachriener, Sandy Stiemke, and Ken Kraemer.

The secretary's minutes of September 8th meeting were reviewed. Mary Jane Liegel made a motion to accept the minutes, and Sandy Stiemke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed, and a motion by Georgene Hausner to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Marian Burmester. Motion carried.

Prior to the OFTHS meeting, Marian Burmester lead a work session in the use of the recent released DVD for all attendees. Also discussed was recent news releases in Baraboo, Reedsburg, and Sauk City, along with the Sauk County Historical Society. Members also discussed placing future announcements to various local papers to generate interest as future holiday season family gifts.

Sandy Stiemke discussed a possible future presentation about Taliesin. Members will bring this item back in the Spring of 2012 for a future OFTHS monthly agenda item.

Mary Jane and Mary Frances will be hosting a group of 5th grade students at the OFTHS Museum on Friday, October 21st to view the exhibits and select pictures for their future school calendar.

A work group is needed to move existing steel cabinets from the main floor to the basement. This will make space available for the wood cabinets which Eric Ruhland completed for the OFTHS recently.

The Fall maintenance also includes the removing of the air conditioners from the windows.

There was discussion regarding coordination of the electronic files of the various historical documents, and the location in the OFTHS Museum hard files. The electronic filing of the various items donated to OFTHS, is almost complete. We thank _____ for his time and effort in carrying out this task. Should we send a thank you note to this individual?

A motion by Mary Frances Nachriener to adjourn, and Seconded by Marian Burmester. Motion Carried.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/

Old Franklin Township Historical Society Minutes
Old Town Hall-Plain, WI
November 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Hausner at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Mary Jayne Liegel, Dean & Marian Burmester, Gene & Georgene Hausner, Mary Frances Nachriener, Sandy Stiemke.

The secretary's minutes of October 20th meeting were reviewed. Mary Jane Liegel made a motion to accept the minutes, and Dean Burmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented as an oral basis as the bank statements were not available for the formal process.

The final work assignments for the chili supper were reviewed by Mary Frances for all the OFTHS work crew. Chili preparation crew begins at 1:30 P.M. On Friday. Everyone was asked to bring 24 cookies or bars.

The DVD project will be exhibited at the Chili Supper for review and orders.

Plans are under way to obtain bids for the planned work on the museum for 2012. Mary Frances will be talking to Eric Ruhland for the windows on the North side. Gene will talk to Bruce Bodendein regarding the masonry work which involves placing of a rock cap on the North Basement wall. It is hoped We will have responses back by the December 2011 meeting.

Mary Frances has received correspondence from Ken Kraemer regarding the sending of the DVD's to Germany.

Gene will try to schedule a meeting with WRCO-Richland Center to discuss the DVD project. Mary Jane will serve as the presenter of the program on the radio.

Dean & Marian Burmeister donated folding chairs, rag rugs, and a lawn mower that was on their families farm. Vernon Bindl donated his Air Force Uniform and his mother's wedding dress.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/

Old Franklin Township Historical Society Minutes
Old Town Hall-Plain, WI
December 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Hausner at 7:00 P.M. In the old Town Hall, Plain, WI.

Members present included; Mary Jayne Liegel, Dean & Marian Burmester, Gene & Georgene Hausner, Mary Frances Nachriener.

The secretary's minutes of November 3rd meeting were reviewed. Mary Frances made a motion to accept the minutes, and Dean Burmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented along with the October bank statement, which was not available for the previous meeting. Mary Jane Liegel made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Dean Burmester.

A report of the chili supper was presented by Mary Frances Nachriener, indicating a profit of approximately \$645.00 was realized on the Fall fund raiser.

The OFTHS recent released DVD project will be presented to the radio listeners of WRCO next week Tuesday, November 13th with Mary Jane Liegel and Gene Hausner presenting the program.

There was discussion regarding the planned remodeling of the North exterior wall of the old town hall, which involved replacing the windows, removing the vinyl siding and cleaning and repainting. Estimate of costs are currently being requested from several vendors. These costs will be presented at the Executive Board's Budget meeting planned for December.

The group discussed exhibit projects for 2012, and the main focus will center on the 100 year celebration of Plain becoming a village.

An open house was scheduled for Sunday, December 11th & 18th, 11:00-2:00 P.M., to provide area residents, who are interested in family history, especially German Bavarian Ancestors, an opportunity to purchase the recent released DVD as a Christmas present.

A motion to adjourn by Mary Frances, and seconded by Marian Burmester.

Respectively submitted by Georgene Hausner /s/