

PENTWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by board president, Dick Warner at 1:00 p.m. in the lower level of the museum.

Board Members Present: Dick Warner, Roger MacLeod, Mike Castor, Joan Gehringer, Jim Lambrix, Sally Ouweneel, Debbie Deward and Bob Childers

Board Members Absent: Ed Bigelow, Mark Shotwell and Bill O'Donnell

Approval of Agenda: Roger MacLeod requested that the agenda be changed so that he could give an update on the Ted Resser memorial first, as he was unable to stay for the entire meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Roger MacLeod and seconded by Sally Ouweneel. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2017 was made by Mike Castor and seconded by Debbie Deward. The minutes were unanimously approved.

ON GOING ACTIVITIES STATUS REPORTS

Ted Resser Family Memorial Donation Planning: Roger MacLeod stated that the family is pleased with the garden design so far. They would like to do the whole entryway which would include two patios, a bench, a flagpole and the surrounding flowers. They are still not sure about how much money they will get in donations. Their family and friends get together around the July 4th holiday and they will be asking for any donations for the garden at that time. They want 25% of the donation to go

towards a yearly maintenance fund and the rest would be for the garden. It was reiterated that it would be the Ted Resser "garden", not "memorial". Roger asked the board if it would be alright to go ahead and interview three area contractors for estimates so he would have all the prices ready for when the donation amount is known. The board thought that the following companies should be approached for prices: Weesies, Ryan's Lawn Care and Turning Leaf and gave Roger the go-ahead to get estimates.

Donations of Ted Resser's paintings are still on going and would be put on display during the grand opening of the garden in possibly 2018.

Dick Warner mentioned that the ADA ramp is not in compliance. He stated that the board should get a vision of what we want and what is needed if we go forward with an expansion in the future.

Treasurer's Report: A copy of the 2017 operating budget and the 2017 financial highlights of May were emailed to all board members prior to the meeting by Mike Castor. Mike Castor asked Jim Lambrix to reallocate and be more specific in where he put items in his budget.

A motion was made by Sally Ouweneel and seconded by Bob Childers to approve the Treasurer's report. The report was unanimously approved.

Membership Report: Sally Ouweneel reported that there are 341 members. There are still 12 that have not paid their membership dues yet.

Sally reiterated that it would be much cheaper to email everything to all the members, including the newsletter, than to mail them all out by regular mail.

Mike Castor suggested that Bill O'Donnell do a study to see whether email or regular mail is the preference for the newsletter.

Sally wanted a special thank you to be made to Sylvia Warner. She sends thank you notes out to all donors. Also to Karen Way,

who sends out thank you notes to all new members and does updates.

Dick Warner noted that we are almost out of the membership brochures. He wasn't sure whose budget that comes out of. Sally Ouweneel said she would get more printed. She was told that Kwik Print had done it in the past. She will get 200 brochures printed.

Museum Activities: Dick Warner reported that the donor board was almost done.

The Minch display is now at the museum.

A video is coming that tells about the Novidoc and the storm in November, 1940.

Three new paintings are also hung in the museum. They are on loan from the Oceana Geological Society.

Dick said he has a bid of \$100 on eBay on a bumper from the Novidoc. He wanted board approval to be able to go as high as \$500, if need be. A motion was made by Debbie Deward and seconded by Mike Castor that Dick could go as high as \$500 to get the bumper. The motion was approved.

Special Events: Debbie Deward reported that the upcoming garage sale set up time is Friday, June 9th at 8:00 a.m. We will be accepting items from 9 to noon that day for the sale which is Saturday, June 10th.

The pancake breakfast is Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 9 until noon. No tickets have been sold yet.

The summer dinner is on August 23, 2017. Craig Rich is secured as speaker. He will be talking about, "The Phoenix Disaster of 1847".

Debbie said that her committee is meeting next week to discuss all of the upcoming events.

INITIATIVES

2017 Sesquicentennial Feed Back and PHS Parade Float:

Debbie Deward reported that the sesquicentennial book is not ready yet, but will be soon.

The float construction for the parade is progressing. The fire hose will also be in the parade.

Garage Sale – June 10th: See above in special events.

PHS Table on Village Green: Ed Bigelow was unable to be at the meeting to update us on volunteers for our table on the Village Green.

PHS-Continue Written History: No one has come forward to add to our present history by Florence Schrupf (1853 – 1942).

PHS Building – security camera system: Dick Warner stated that he doesn't think that a camera system is necessary at this time.

Dick also updated the board on the red house that is adjoining the museum property. It is for sale and was being looked at to possibly buy that property instead of adding on to the existing museum. It was decided to be too costly and would need too much work to consider buying.

The board then had a discussion on what would be the best way to raise money for possible future expansion. It was suggested that we get in mind what we all want first and then go forward from there.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Castor and seconded by Sally Ouweneel. It was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Gehringer - Secretary

