

**Dodge County Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2009**

Board Members Present: Sue Harwood, Bob Peterson, Vicki Peterson, Ron Ballstadt, Scott French, Dale Morris, Faye Richter, and Museum Director Earlene King.

Board Members Absent: John Kvasnicka

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm at DCHS Museum.**
- 2. Visitors to Board** – Lynette Dahms, Tom Gall, Thelma Givan, Jan Luehmann.
- 3. Additions and/or Amendments to Agenda**
 - 8.5.1** Vote – to decide if board members get paid for demonstrating at Zumbro Bend Rendezvous.
 - 8.7** Cemetery/Obituary Archives – Thelma Givan
 - 10.3** Museum windows preservation – Earlene King
- 4. Approve Minutes –August 20, 2009 Meeting**

There were minor corrections that needed to be made. Vicki Peterson will make corrections. Sue Harwood declared that the minutes stand approved as corrected.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report** – Bob Peterson reviewed the report. Vicki Peterson made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Ron Ballstadt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 5.1.** CD for Roof Fund – Bob Peterson made the motion that the monies for the roof fund be put into a CD. Ron Ballstadt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Museum Monthly Sales & Visitor Report** – Earlene King gave a brief review of the report.
- 7. Board Member Replacement** - Nominations brought forth from the previous meeting was Tom Gall and Barb Gillard. Sue Harwood read the applications from the nominees. A vote by ballot was taken. Tom Gall won with five votes, Barb Gillard one vote.
- 8. Committee Reports**
 - 8.1.** Haunted House – Ron Ballstadt asked for volunteers to be on the committee. Committee members are Ron Ballstadt, Lynette Dahms, Sue Harwood, Bob Peterson, Vicki Peterson, and Tom Gall. Ron Ballstadt will set up the meeting time and place.

- 8.2. Technology Committee – Tom Gall gave a quick update. Tom asked for the debt card number that was used to open the second website in order to get access to that site. Sue Harwood will call the bank to get that number.
- 8.3. Update on financial audit and 9-90 – Bob Peterson said that we haven't heard back from Janice Borgstrom-Durst since her return from her vacation. Sue Harwood asked that Janice be called. Vicki Peterson will call her.
- 8.4. Wasioja Restoration Committee – Jan Luehmann passed out invitations to the board for the Wasioja days. Jan gave a report on the township meeting that they attended. The outhouses were discussed again and the possibility of using portable outhouses instead of repairing the outhouses.
 - 8.4.1 Jan Luehmann brought up to the board the need to repair the organ at the church building in Wasioja. Dale Morris made the motion for Jan to proceed with the repairs to the organ. Bob Peterson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 8.5. Zumbro Bend Rendezvous – Bob Peterson gave an update on the rendezvous. The committee asked for volunteers to be guides on the school days and volunteers to make bars for the demonstrators and volunteer lunches on the school days.
 - 8.5.1. Vote- to decide if board members can be paid for demonstrations at the Zumbro Bend Rendezvous. There was some discussion and it was decided that there was no conflict of interest. Tom Gall made the motion to approve paying board members for demonstrating at the rendezvous. Faye Richter seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 8.6. Yuletide on the Hill – Sue Harwood said that the Yuletide on the Hill will be on December 5th in the afternoon this year. Sue asked that everyone think about being on the committee and said we would talk about it at the next meeting.
- 8.7. Cemetery/Obituary Archives – Thelma Givan announced that she is finally done with updating the Cemetery/Obituary archives. Earlene King said that the original folds are intact and have been given to Dick Leonard and the Genealogical Society. Also Earlene said that new shelving will be made to house the new folders. A big thank you to Thelma Givan for all her hard work!

9. Old Business

- 9.1. Donation of monies to the Friends of Wasioja- Because the BOD has not received the statement from the Friends of Wasioja yet, the vote to donate the monies to them was tabled. Tom Gall made the motion. Ron Ballstadt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9.2. Seminary Park- Earlene King had contacted the county board for guidance on the care and upkeep of the Seminary Park and has not received a response back at this time.
- 9.3. Wasioja school out-house – President Sue Harwood directed the Land and Facilities Committee to contact and meet with the Township Board to ask them what is their opinion on what should be done with the school out-houses,

in writing. The Land and Facilities Committee are to report back to the board with recommendations by the next meeting.

10. New Business

- 10.1.** Hooking up gas line to the furnace – Bob Peterson updated the board. The gas company moved the gas line because the line was not run properly. The DCHS is responsible for having the gas line hooked back up to the furnace. Because of the need to get the furnace in use, Ron Ballstadt made the motion to wave the having three bids for the work to be done. Bob Peterson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Scott French will contact Comet to have the work done.
- 10.2.** Museum alarm system – Sue Harwood asked that we get new bids for the museums alarm system. Ron Ballstadt made the motion. Bob Peterson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- 10.3.** Museum windows preservation – Sue Harwood went over the information sheet that was included in the packets to the board. Earlene King asked for approval of cost with a cap of \$500.00. Vicki Peterson made the motion to approve the money, with the cap of \$500.00, to have the repairs done. Tom Gall seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

- 11. Adjourn** – Ron Ballstadt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicki Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.