

Sparta Township Historical Commission
General Meeting- Tues., August 4, 2015- 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Present: Carter, Jones, Tuinstra, VanSyckle, VanderWerff, Paasch, Hale, Thompson

Absent: Brooks, **Friends Present:** D. Andrus, D. Salas

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

July 7, 2015 Minutes: Joann read the July 7, 2015 minutes. Motion to approve made by VanSyckle, 2nd made by VanderWerff. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: (General and Project) Larry presented the budgets for both the general and project funds. July 31st balance for the general fund is \$10,430.94 and the balance for the project funds is \$8,966.29. Motion made to approve the financials by VanSyckle, 2nd made by VanderWerff. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Bettes films-Will get together with Norma Chapman Thursday at the Research Center
- Sparta Variety-Will be setting up for back to school.
- Reflection on this year's T&C Days - Fair committee would like STHC to continue to select the grand marshal. May have the grand marshal over the entire T&C Days. Larry will be attending this months meeting.

Myers Schoolhouse:

- Talked about hours for 2016 and possible coverage.
- Program Schedule for *Denny Wolters SHS Sports Collection*: Dates- Sunday, August 23 & Sunday, September 27-1:00-4:00
- Marcia will do a video for the event and post to Facebook.
- Talked to cleaning person (Carrie Niswonger 813-7736) for Schoolhouse Museum. Committee agreed on a maximum amount of \$60.

Research Center:

- Basement quote- Scott Slauter contacted.
- Joanne provided an update on the sign. Goal is to have the sign completed by 9/11.
- Copier here-tutorial after meeting- Jeff, Liz will do SEF Grant request.
- Talked about the water issues. Mary suggested Larry talk to Bub.

Artifacts/Archival Items:

- Larry talked about items donated. Vernice Allen items from Thema (Rose) Griffin Vincent from New Mexico and a scrap book from Midland that belonged to Ken DeYoung. Ken would like to see when he's back in early November.

New Business:

- Larry met with Bob Schirado, v.p. of Sparta Ed Foundation. He'd like to combine forces in a couple of areas: (New) Myers school artifacts when demolished; maintaining an SHS alumni list. Larry will meet with him again.
- Talked about doing the Centennial farms for our 2016 fundraising event during Apple Fest.
- Larry is teaching this fall on Tuesdays. Meetings will be held on Saturdays after Labor Day and we will go back to Tuesday nights during the summer months.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Minutes taken by Marcia Thompson