

Sparta Township Historical Commission

Monthly Commission Meeting
December 5, 2015

Members Present: Larry Carter, Adele Jones, Jayne Paasch, Marcia Thompson, JoAnne VanderWerff, Jeff VanSyckle

Members Absent: Jaime Brooks, Mary Hale, Jim Tuinstra

Friends of the Commission: Dave Andrus, Mary Aune, Olie Zarbeck

Meeting called to order at 9 am.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the November 7, 2015 meeting were presented. Aune noted she was present at meeting but left off. Motions made by Thompson to accept minutes with addition of Mary Aune, supported by Paasch. Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Carter presented the financials from November. General Fund currently at \$8028.56, Projects Fund balance is \$3,507.42. Motion to Approve by Paasch, Second by VanSyckle, Motion Approved

Communications:

- Carter updated Commission on Mary Hale and Jim Tuinstra.
- Changed meeting time to 11:30 am. Will then go to Big Joe's for celebration following meeting. Larry will send out email asking for sentiments from everyone.
- Update regarding Don Bradford/Gale Taylor visit. Paasch stated the village has a lot of interest and will add to goals list.

Old Business;

- Display good until Easter.
- Thompson provided copy of flyer for genealogy class. Discussed distribution – website, Facebook.
- Andrus updated commission on Dingus Gang DVD. He has talked to Oscar Anderson. Needs names & phone numbers.

Myers Schoolhouse:

- Carter updated commission on schoolhouse. Put thermometer in window. VanderWerff still getting calls. Need to update list with Mid State.
- Thompson offered scaffolding for hanging globe.
- Discussed painting wire cable

Research Center:

- Discussed placing mission statement on front of building & window boxes.
- Zarbeck will work with Carter on downstairs organization. VanderWerff will contact nephew.
- VanSyckle will get ink cartridges ordered.

Archival/Artifacts:

- DeYoung did come in and look through items.
- Zarbeck gifted STHC with Algoma Township book.

New Business:

- VanderWerff gave an update on Festival of the Trees. It will be held from noon to 3 pm.
- Discussed planning session – scheduled for February 20th at 9 am.
- Discussed 2017 calendar. Plan to have it ready for Apple Fest 2016.
- Passed around article about Plainfield Township Commission and Thank you from Cub Scouts
- Carter updated commission on Tri-Cities Historical Museum
- Received donation with picture of Irene Rosell, class of 1947
- Jan Engersol called – looking for Merl Proctor artist
- Changed January meeting time to 11:30 am.

Motion to Adjourn @ 10:22 am

Next Meeting Saturday, January 2, 2015 11:30 am

Submitted by Marcia Thompson