

Sparta Township Historical Commission

Monthly Minutes

May 11, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Members of the Commission present: Michael Metzger, Jim Tuinstra, Rick Kingsbury, Robert Shangle, and Adele Jones. Absent: Jaime Brooks

Friends and Visitors of the Commission present: Jim Lyals, Annalicia Barnum, Mary Scott, and Dan Salas

Minutes of the April meeting: Motion to approve by Rick Kingsbury, second by Jim Tuinstra. Motion approved.

Financial Report:

General Fund Balance is \$9,995.15

Projects Fund Balance is \$3,788.79

Motion to Approve Adele Jones, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion approved.

Old Business:

Facility access report by Michael Metzger. There are new locks on all doors to both of our buildings and a master key is kept by Michael. Commissioners have copies that can't be used to make new. Non-commissioners Larry Carter and Jim Lyals have keys.

Garden Update: Adele Jones talked about possible plants to add to strip on south side of building. There was discussion about running sprinklers down the side. Robert Shangle suggested we ask the DDA if they would take over care of the garden. He said he would look into.

It was decided to go with a very basic form for possible new Commissioners.

There is a definite place chosen for flagpole at Museum. Jim Lyals is helping to get that done.

It was decided to be sure the donated money for piano repair be redirected towards Veteran's Memorial and have it show separately on our financial report.

Bob Shangle said we should be all set on article about our Grand Marshals for parade and he will let us know if we need to do banners etc.

New Business:

It was discussed about two grant requests to be sent to the Friends Group. One is to hire someone to work for us keeping up Past Perfect and incoming memorabilia. The other grant for a computer upgrade. Dan Salas is working with someone about what we need to do. Michael Metzger to send the grant request forms with information to Jaime to forward to Friends Group.

Adele will be contacting Jayne and Jo to seek their help in doing a window display for Sparta's 175th.

There was a lot of discussion about committees and Commissioners signed up to be on the different ones. Adele will type up the list.

We talked about how we sell books. Robert Shangle made a motion that we quit selling the books and just have them sold in stores. No one seconded this motion. Adele made a motion we continue to sell the books as we have, Jim Tuinstra seconded it. Motion was passed, 1 vote No by Robert Shangle.

There was a motion to ask the Township to approve Annalicia Barnum to be a Commissioner by Bob Shangle, seconded by Jim Tuinstra. Motion passed.

A collections committee will be figuring out how we will be accepting collectibles from the public. A table in basement will hold items until handled keeping Research Center main table clear.

We also talked about looking for interns and also about getting work done on our website. No decisions made.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 by Rick Kingsbury, seconded by Jim Tuinstra. Motion approved.

Next meeting Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 7:00.f

Submitted by Adele Jones