

Dodge County Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2009

Board Members Present: Bob Peterson, Vicki Peterson, Ron Ballstadt, Tom Gall, Scott French, John Kvasnicka, Dale Morris, and Faye Richter.

Board Members Absent: Sue Harwood

- 1. Meeting called to order by Bob Peterson at 7:01pm, at DCHS Museum.**
- 2. Visitors to Board –** Mary Ann Bucher and Andrew Ventura
- 3. Additions and/or Amendments to Agenda**
 - 7.3. Wasioja Restoration Committee could not attend the meeting. A motion to replace it on the agenda with Annual Meeting Minutes from 2009 was made by Ron Ballstadt. The motion was second by Tom Gall. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Approve Minutes – November 19, 2009 Meeting** (No meeting was held in December, 2009.) John Kvasnicka made the motion to approve the minutes and Dale Morris second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer's Report –** Bob Peterson gave the report to the board. The Treasurer's report was for both the months of November and December of 2009 because there was no meeting in December. Ron Ballstadt made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Tom Gall second the motion. The motion passed.
- 6. Museum Monthly Sales & Visitor Report –** Bob Peterson reviewed the report with the board. Again because there was not meeting in December 2009, the report included November and December of 2009.
- 7. Committee Reports**
 - 7.1.** Museum Director position Update – Personnel Committee, Tom Gall gave the update. The committee has narrowed the candidates down to three. They have interviewed two and have the third scheduled for Friday. There was a discussion about if it was necessary for the whole board to interview the candidates and how many candidates. It was decided that the Personnel Committee narrow it down to two candidates and then a special board meeting would be set up for the whole board to interview them.
 - 7.2.** Technology Committee – Tom Gall had nothing new to report.
 - 7.3.** Annual Meeting Minutes from 2009 – Vicki Peterson asked for the meeting minutes for the past two annual meetings from the previous secretary, John Kvasnicka. After some discussion on protocol, John agreed to send Vicki the minutes by the end of the week.

- 7.4. Yuletide on the Hill – Dale Morris and Vicki Peterson gave a quick report and overview of the event. Thank you to all who helped with the food and decorations for the event.

8. Old Business

- 8.1. Check on County benefits for the Museum Director – Tom Gall had talked to Dave Hanson of the County Commissioners Committee. They discussed what had taken place in the past and what could be arranged with them in the future. It may be possible for future discussion with them when they do their 2011 budget. John Kvasnicka made a motion that the Personnel Committee look into having the Directors salary be paid in lieu of the Dodge County donations to the DCHS and be paid under the county level, and then check into the advantages and disadvantages of that. Also the Personnel Committee to check into other methods of seeking benefits through the county or other measures. Ron Ballstadt second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8.2. Julie deGroot Sentencing – Vicki Peterson updated the board. Sue Harwood and Vicki Peterson attended the sentencing for Julie deGroot. Julie deGroot was found guilty of Theft by Swindle and was fined \$180.00. She was given probation for ten years, with conditions. Some of them are; she has to attend counseling, continue with going to Gamblers Anonymous, keep full-time employment, pay restitution to DCHS for the amount she swindled plus monies that DCHS occurred because of her theft, and she is banned from all the DCHS grounds and activities. The court is holding a check from Julie for \$5,000.00 to be paid to DCHS within thirty days. The court gave DCHS sixty days to present the amount figures of the theft and expenses that has occurred because of her theft. Janice Borgstrom/Durst is currently compiling the list and will call Bob or Vicki Peterson when it is finished.
- 8.3. Updating the Committee Lists – Vicki Peterson asked the board members to review the committee lists to see if there are any changes that they would like to do. Ron Ballstadt requested to not be the chairperson for the Fundraising Committee and be removed for the Land & Facilities Committee. Faye Richter volunteered to be the Chair for the Fundraising Committee. Tom Gall requested to be on the Publicity & Advertising Committee and also requested that the Technology Committee be added to the list. It was suggested that at the Annual Meeting, we should ask for volunteers from the membership to work on the committees.
- 8.4. Wasioja schoolhouse – Scott French reported that he removed the stakes that was around the playground and the picnic table is still there. Scott said that Sue Harwood said that she would talk to the Wasioja Restoration Committee about the picnic table.

9. New Business

- 9.1** Annual Meeting – Ron Ballstadt made a suggestion to change the membership due dates from all being on the same date to according to the date last paid. After a lot of discussion, John Kvasnicka made a motion to table the discussion on membership due dates until the next meeting. Scott French second the motion. Motion passed. It had been suggested that the meeting should be in Hayfield this year. There was some discussion as to where in Hayfield to hold the meeting. Tom Gall made a motion to have the Annual Meeting on April 3rd in Hayfield, MN this year. Dale Morris second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Because Sue Harwood was absent at this meeting, it was decided to table the rest of the Annual Meeting discussion until next month. John Kvasnicka offered to help with finding a place in Hayfield to hold the meeting. Faye suggested that at the next meeting we should form a Nominating Committee for new board members, for the Annual Meeting.
- 9.2** Upcoming fundraisers for 2010 – Ron Ballstadt said at this point the rendezvous is the only thing on the schedule, possibly having the Haunted House again this year.

At the end of the meeting there was some discussion about the roof and shingles that are available.

- 10. Adjourn** – Scott French made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale Morris second the motion. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.