



Walsh County Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on 4-19-2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of LS Law Group, PC, 104 4th St W., Park River, ND. 58270

Attending: Denise Bata, Gary Seboe, Bergit Sobak, Dick Geiger, Tracy Laaveg, coordinator.

Absent: Agatha Frisby, Dennis Markusen, Shannon Brazil, Sarah Johnston

Although our meeting was scheduled to take place at the Aggie Alumni Room at the Park River Area School, we were unable to meet there due to the door being locked and being unable to contact any school personnel to open it. As such, we convened at LS Law group offices at approximately 7:10 pm.

Regular Meeting:

The minutes from the 1-18-23 regular meeting were approved on a motion from Dick seconded by Gary. Financial report was reviewed and approved. There is currently \$223.13 in the checkbook.

2022-23 Grant – no reimbursements submitted yet.

Projects:

Administration:

- Homme Dam storm shelter project has been abandoned by the Army Corps. No further action needed on that.
- Grant application was approved. Will start working on projects soon.
- Gary and Denise were approved as new members.

Brochures: Brochures are available upon request and continue to be distributed. We do have 2200 on hand with ND Tourism for the rack program and several hundred are available through WCHPC and PCHPC. There are no plans to reprint at the moment.

Geocaching: Chad Thorvilson continues to maintain and service the existing Caches. Cache listings were reviewed, and questions were posed regarding Garfield cemetery. New sites are being sought.

Member Ed:

- Walsh county Fair – plans are to have a booth again this year. Planning details will commence soon.



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- Sauter school – plans are to demolish the school as the grounds are being sold. Terms of the sale will include the establishment of a monument with geocache. Alumni are interested in collecting memories/ memorabilia and establishing a booklet, as well as developing a monument. Tracy will assist and obtain oral history interviews of alumni.
 - Arts across the prairie – no report
 - WCTU fountain – plans are still in place to continue to work on restoration. Fundraising efforts will begin in earnest soon as bids have been received for the construction. WCHPC members will individually assist as requested.

Oral History Project: Interviews are being sought. Additional interviewers have been contacted, but no recent updates have been received.

Website: no report

Membership: no report

Strategic planning: strategic planning summary sheets were distributed. Discussion on implementation of strategic planning will continue when more members are present.

New business:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 19th at 7 pm at Park River Area School Alumni Room

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Laaveg, Coordinator