

Minutes of Walsh County Historical Society

January 14, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Steve Novak. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attending: Shannon Brazil, Linda Restemayer, Robert Zidon, Dennis Markusen, Wally Ebertowski, Larry Gunderson, Tracy Laaveg, Joe Koehmstadt, Christ Misialek, Michael Farder and Jason Brazil.

Minutes from the July and October 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved in a motion from Chris and second by Mike.

Treasurer's report was distributed and approved. Current balance in checking is \$2,358.66, Savings and CD balances remain mostly unchanged from last meeting. 2 of the CD's are maturing, and Larry will renew at the best rates. This report was approved on a motion by Dennis and second by Robert. Motion carried.

Heritage Village update was given:

- Farmers Market and Carousel continue to be popular.
- They held 1 anniversary party, as well as birthday and Christmas Parties at the center.
- The Grafton American Legion is now using the Heritage Village auditorium as its new home. Space has been made in the back for their storage needs.
- Elton Ringsak display has been installed at the Heritage Center. His family has viewed and expressed satisfaction with the end display.
- Railroad: Installation is in process; the train was running briefly, but Larry and Darryl are struggling with wiring and finding the correct batteries for the trains. They are also in need of some help in building a mountain for the display.
- The Depot has been significantly updated and repaired. They are in need of women's uniforms and uniforms from the Vietnam and Korean wars.
- Marvin Windows donated 6 storm windows which will be installed when weather permits.
- The Carousel needs some repairs.
- Library: shelving is in place and books are being shelved.
- Uncle Sig's clocks are on site. The Boone foundation recently gave a substantial donation to the Village, this donation will be used to develop a display for the clocks.

Minto Museum update was given:

- Repairs were recently made to the trappers cabin, as well as the room in the hallway and gym on the main building.

- Donations of cash and items continue to come in.
- Lots of visitors are enjoying the museum
- Museum Alive is scheduled for this June 22. This will be held in conjunction with Minto Days.
- The rotating display was recently updated and now features the Potato Queen pageant
- Shannon reported great volunteer assistance.
- The museum received several new bird mounts, so the display was updated and revamped and now houses 156 specimens. FCCLA will be assisting on the placement of new labels.
- Fair booth was a success.

Newsletter: Shannon circulated a draft of the updated newsletter. Morgan printing will help with printing and formatting.

Election – the following were elected on a unanimous ballot:

- President – Steve Novak
- VP – Shannon Brazil
- Secretary – Tracy Laaveg
- Board members (3 year terms)
 - John Gudajtes
 - Larry Jamieson
 - Jared Peterka

Next meeting will be held on **April 15 at 7 pm** at Heritage Village. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Tracy Laaveg, Recording Secretary