

4-15-25

The Walsh County Historical Society held its quarterly meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at Heritage Village in Grafton. Those in attendance included: Chris Misialek, Larry Gunderson, Wally Ebertowski, Mike Farder, Linda Restemayer, Robert Zidon, Shirley Burns, Dennis Markusen, Steve Novak and Tracy Laveg. Under the current bylaws, a quorum requires 11 persons. There being no quorum, no meeting was held.

Discussion amongst those present included the following:

- Review of the minutes and financial report,
- Heritage village report – Larry reported the following were completed at Heritage Village:
 - Restoration of 3 wooden wagons from Depot – they are in place now
 - Restoration and repurpose of 3 old lanterns from the railroad. They were kerosene lanterns, but have now been re-wired to electricity
 - Dennis Buchultz from St Thomas donated a train set. It will be installed in the barn
 - A large donations mailbox is being installed
 - Uncle Sig's whirley-gigs have been restored and installed
 - Upcoming plans:
 - Grafton's beautification committee will be visiting the Village on May 14 to plant flowers, clean, and do touch-up painting. This is also the date scheduled for clean-up day
 - Updates to sidewalks and the Schultz house are also planned
 - New siding on the jail is being installed and hopefully will be painted on May 14
- Minto Museum report- Museum Alive is planned for June 22 – posters for the event were passed out. Donations of \$7,000 from the Midway Monarch's club will be used for windows in the schoolhouse. Other donations have been received. Clean up days has not been scheduled,

but members are aware of the work to be done and a spreadsheet of jobs is available

- Trivia night was discussed. We may try again. Tracy will look into Wi-Fi access concerns and possibly schedule something in connection with the next regular meeting.
- Tracy gave an update on the restoration of the WCTU fountain in Park River and possibly fundraising with trivia playing cards. If that is successful, we can plan to do for other communities as well.
- Discussion regarding the treasurer's report and the fund balances was held. Shannon Brazil then joined the meeting via telephone. On a motion from Chris with 2nd from Mike Farbo, it was moved and seconded to put \$20,000 from savings into a CD to earn some interest and to pay \$5,000 each to Heritage Village and the Minto Museum from the county revenues. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be July 10, 2025 at 7 pm in Minto. Members are encouraged to come early and have supper - served by the Minto Action League.

Respectfully Submitted

Tracy Laaveg, Recording Secretary