

## **P.A.H.S. Meeting of February 26, 2018**

Larry Puzen called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm at the PACE room. Those attending were Larry Puzen, Claudia Ryczkowski, Rock and Pam Mannigel, Steve Peplinski, John Mihalko, Mike Blohowiak, Roger Brezczkowski, Steve Karcz, Larry Szymanski, Chris Jaworski, Tammy Brezczkowski and Norine Heuser.

Secretary's Report - Claudia made a motion to accept the minutes. Steve Peplinski seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Larry Szymanski reported the checkbook balance is \$24,079.51. Margaret Gajewski remembered us with a generous donation. Discussion was made about upcoming CD renewals. Nsight has declined our request for discounted internet rate. Claudia will check further. Larry Puzen made a motion to accept the report with more discussion of the CD's. Steve Karcz seconded. Motion carried.

Communications & Comments - Claudia thanked everyone for the flowers given for her mother. She presented us with money people had given them in memory of her Mom for her work at the museum.

Larry Szymanski reported on December 14<sup>th</sup>, the membership dues to the Brown County Historical Society were paid and they sent us a pass to Hazelwood House. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, the federal tax paperwork was sent and approved. On January 12<sup>th</sup> he sent the annual report to the Wisconsin State Historical Society for approval. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, he placed a jump drive with the 2016 financial information in our safe deposit box at Huntington Bank. We received information regarding a matching grant that has a deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>. A current PAHS business member suggested selling ad space for businesses in our newsletters. Tammy will check into this.

Insulation Project – Rock reported our brick sales brought in \$11,448.00. He said the Pulaski United Foundation is willing to give us \$2,000.00 towards this project. Rock has received a new estimate and can have the project completed, including Van Asten's duct work, for \$11,797.00. Spray foam insulation will be used in the ceiling. It will be sealed and will be fireproof. The walls do not need it because they are block. Claudia suggested an alternate idea of adding on to the front of the building but it was deemed too expensive. Rock made a motion to go forward with the project and Tammy seconded. Motion carried.

Student Volunteers – Pam said things are going well. Evan knows someone who is interested for next year.

Membership Dues – Norine reported our total income so far is \$5,607.00. That includes the sale of 21 DVD's because of the membership letter. We gained 2 new businesses and 15 members. We currently have 364 members.

DVD Sales – Steve said he has given presentations and was asked by Mark Heck to give one to the Pulaski students. He also will give one in October to the Lifelong Learning group. He would like to improve the audio and asked if anyone has access to a 78 rpm turntable with a 78 stylus. He suggested maybe having a "trade-in" sale for \$5.00. Postage has gone up to \$3.50 per DVD.

Rear Parking Lot – Larry Puzen talked about a roof over the parking lot. This could cause problems because Van Asten does the snowplowing at no charge. The overhang could get in the way. The snow is pushed on our yard and on occasion someone removes the snow when the pile is big.

He had gotten a blacktop quote of \$8,000.00 last year. We need a decent back door entry for people to use and make it look welcoming. With the fire hydrant in the front and if there is something happening in town, there is very limited parking in front. People could use the legion lot if we had a nice back entrance. He brought up the idea of using the money from the Gajewski estate or the sale of the DVDs to fund it. The village will not do it. They would provide us with a culvert and catch basin.

Claudia had talked with Mr. Peters and he said “when you are ready call me”. Snowplowing could still be done except where the overhang would be. With a glass back entrance, shoveling would need to be done under the overhang.

Larry could call Mr. Peters to come and look at it. He also mentioned it could be pitched so water goes to the alley. The current pipe is too close to the surface so it freezes. This should be the next project after the insulation. Larry said maybe Mr. Peters would make a donation. We are hoping to get it done by this fall. The main problem is that when the village put in the alley, they crowned it. We would have to find someone to do the finishing work.

Casimir Pulaski Week – Tammy talked about all of the events being planned. Larry Puzen said we should make a donation.

Website – Tammy reported the website was doing really good In January and February. Statistics included 254 users, 243 new users, and 309 sessions. The average session duration was 2 minutes and 34 seconds which is longer than normal according to Tammy.

Newsletter – Tammy said she and Katie have talked about ideas for the next newsletter. They are trying to get an interview with Orville Kubiak regarding his building. If you want anything in the newsletter, you should get it to Tammy by April as they want to get it out by the end of May.

Casimir Pulaski Week at Museum – Rock said there are 13 fourth grade classes coming to the museum between March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> with most of them during the week-long celebration.

World War I Display – It is time to take it down probably sometime after the Casimir Pulaski celebration. In its place, Claudia talked about putting the Wisconsin display back up.

Year Books – Larry said he talked to the man who sells yearbooks. He has the ones the museum is missing. However, we agreed not to purchase but ask our members and the community for the ones that we do not have. Larry said it would be nice to get the new ones that are published each year. Rock said he would check into doing this.

Board Member Comments – Tammy talked about being at a meeting in Green Bay where a fireman from the Green Bay Department talked about a book he wrote called “Forces of Change”, regarding the fire of 1880 that affected the East side of Green Bay. She said his presentation was excellent and he might be good for our annual dinner. Chris Jaworski also has heard him talk and agreed with Tammy. His name is David Siegel.

Claudia told us that Dennis Jacobs will again come to Pulaski to make a historical presentation about what all the downtown buildings were years ago. This will happen during Polka Days. She and Randy have been putting all the VHS tapes on DVDs for use at the museum.

Rock talked about the Brown County 200 Year Celebration at the Neville Museum. He will be providing them with Dick Rodgers's concertina and a CD of his music for the display. Everything will be encased in plastic. This will be the representation of the Pulaski area.

Our next meeting will be March 26, 2018.

Rock made a motion to adjourn. Steve Karcz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes taken by Norine Heuser, recording secretary and Pam Mannigel.