

P.A.H.S. Meeting of February 25, 2019

Larry Puzen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the PACE office. Those attending were Larry Puzen, Katie Walters, Rock and Pam Mannigel, Steven Karcz, Larry Szymanski, Chris Jaworski, Tammy Brzezczkowski, Maria Deau, Steve Peplinski and Norine Heuser.

Secretary's Report – Steve Peplinski motioned to accept the report. Steve Karcz seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Larry reported the checkbook balance is \$28,254.52. Steve Karcz motioned to accept the report. Steve Peplinski seconded. Motion carried

Larry explained a CD we have coming due at North Shore. He did some checking and found a 23 month renewal with an interest rate of 2.72%. Chris made a motion to go ahead with that and Rock seconded. Motion carried.

Larry Puzen had asked for an operating budget which Larry Szymanski presented. Our expenses averaged \$908.00 per month for 2018. Our income so far has been \$8,913.06 so with the remaining memberships to be renewed and with our upcoming Pie Auction we should be fine. The income we get from the Pie Auction will be placed in our Capital Improvement Fund.

Communications – The Brown County Library is holding a genealogy class thru March 30th. They also are having a program for Researching Irish Ancestries on March 13th. He paid our dues to the Brown County Historical Society. Larry Puzen suggested displaying the various newsletters we get from other societies at the museum. We received a donation request for AASLH. We did pay our \$98.00 annual membership but had not given any more in the past. We will not donate this year either.

Larry sent our 2018 fiscal year filing report on January 23rd and it was approved that day. He sent the 2019 Annual Report to the State Historical Society on January 24th and was acknowledged on February 1st. On February 13th, he completed the annual certification report from Benevity, Inc.

Newsletter – Tammy said it's been on the back burner because of Casimir Pulaski Days. If anyone has any ideas, let them know. Steve Peplinski said he gave a presentation at UWGB about the history of ABVM. He will work on a condensed version to possibly include in the newsletter.

Christmas with Pulaski Chamber – Rock said no one came to the museum this year and because of the very low turnout, we will not be participating anymore.

Purchase of New Computer – Steve Peplinski looked into this and found our best bet would probably be a refurbished one because of the older software programs we currently use. That would cost \$250.00.

Grant from Antiquarian Society – Steve Karcz wrote up the grant asking for \$45.00 to purchase a book 'Registration Methods for Small Museums' and \$550.00 for a computer that he priced at Costco.

Membership Dues – Norine thanked Maria for designing a new membership letter. We currently are about \$1,000.00 ahead of last year's drive mostly due to Lifetime memberships we have received. We only gained 3 new members so Norine asked if anyone has ideas on how we can increase our

members to let her know. It was decided we will send out a reminder post card to those members who have not yet renewed their memberships. Maria also offered to design those.

Endowment Fund – Rock said he received a call from someone who would like to include us in his will and asked if we have an endowment fund. Chris explained money stays in an endowment for perpetuity. Only the interest earned can be used after the agreed amount has been raised. Steve Peplinski made a motion to pursue looking into the cost and procedure of an endowment. Steve Karcz seconded. Motion carried with Chris Jaworski volunteering to look into this.

Casimir Pulaski Week – Pam showed us a sample of the Casimir Pulaski Tattoos that were purchased to hand out to the 4th grade classes. (They are really nice!) She also asked if we could purchase either coasters or jar openers as something we could hand out to visitors at the museum. After discussion of the cost, it was decided to go ahead and order the coasters. She handed out the brochures that give all the information for the weeklong activities. The museum will be open Friday from 1:30-5:30 and on Saturday from noon to 5:00. She is looking for volunteers for Saturday. Tammy said Katie is heading up the pie auction and social this year which will be held at the ABVM School after the 10:30 Mass. Richard Styczynski will be our auctioneer. Maria will be there with her Polish display. The Polish Heritage Society will also have a table set up. If anyone can help set up on March 2nd from 1:00-3:00 it would be appreciated. Coffee and mustache cookies will be served for refreshments at the event. So far 37 people have signed up for the Historic Bus Tour. Steve Karcz will be doing the presentation which will include about 20 different places.

We then went into a closed session.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris and seconded by Steve Karcz. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next meeting will be March 25th, 2019.

Minutes taken by Norine Heuser recording secretary.