

Washington Island Historical Archives Committee
Town of Washington
Washington Island,
Wisconsin 54246

The Tuesday, May 5, 2015 meeting of the Washington Island Historical Archives Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman Kirby Foss, chairman of the meeting, at 4:00 PM in the Rutledge Room.

Present were Kirby Foss, Jewel Lee Grandy, Charlotte Hansen, Merrill Lundberg, Richard Purinton, David Raup, Connie Sena and Jeanette Young. Also present was Archivist Janet Berggren. Absent was Eric Greenfeldt.

Approval of Minutes

Without objection the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2015, as previously sent to members of the Archives Committee, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a written report which is attached to the minutes. The report includes the final information at the end of the calendar year as well as the current year to date. The deficit for 2014 was only about \$300, which is almost \$900 less than the amount shown in the preliminary numbers as presented in February. The Archivist's salary and FICA amounts are now combined. Donations to date are good. The copy machine recently had to be replaced, but the new one cost just \$99, including eight cartridges.

Archivist's Report

The Archivist presented a written report for the year to date. A copy is attached to the minutes. She noted that there is some interest in a project to make some of our materials accessible in a digitized format. This is a subject that Dave and Eric may pursue in the future. Dave noted that some of the post cards might be a place to start.

Archives Programs

Dick Purinton reported that Richard Lauder will be happy to make a presentation about his work with old post cards this summer. Tentatively we will plan to do this on Sunday afternoon, July 26, at 4:30 at Trinity. Will Craig is very willing to do a program on Washington Island settlement patterns, tracking the transfer from public land to private ownership. We will plan to have this program on August 23, also at 4:30 PM at Trinity. August 30 is an alternative date.

Fund Raising and Appeal Mailing

Last year we mailed almost 1300 copies of the appeal letter, including a boxholder and based on the list of property owners. This year we will reduce the number, using a boxholder in combination with our own donor lists and the phone book as well as other sources. Julie has been working through the phone book and the list should be ready in a couple of weeks. We reviewed the drafts of the appeal letter and decided to omit the suggested dollar amounts for donations. Copies of the drafts are attached to the minutes. We tentatively picked a date for the mailing. **[Note: After the meeting it was decided that the mailing will take place on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, beginning at 10:00 AM in the Rutledge Room.]**

Election of Officers

Upon motion by Dave Raup, seconded by Connie Senna, we elected Dick Purinton as Chairman of the Archives Committee and we re-elected each of the other officers of the Committee. All of those elected have agreed to serve.

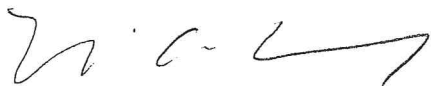
Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Archives Committee will take place at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, in the Rutledge Room. Members of the Committee should also plan to arrive at Trinity at 4:00 on program dates.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Merrill C. Lundberg, Secretary