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

The Friday, November 8, 2013 meeting of the Washington Island Historical Archives Committee was called to order by Chairman Eric Greenfeldt at 3:00 PM in the Rutledge Room.

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

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2013, as previously sent to members of the Archives Committee, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported our income for the year to date is \$12,006.01. Expenses are \$11,144 and projected expenses for November and December are \$2558. The Town has agreed to reimburse us for the Synergy expense, and it appears that we will break even for the calendar year. Upon motion made by Dave Raup and seconded by Connie Sena the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Programs for 2014

Dick Purinton said he was still looking for names of likely subjects for a cemetery walk next year. Some names that surfaced in the following discussion were Emily Betts, J.W. Cornell, Nils Friis, Anne Whitney, Ole Christiansen, Mary Richter, Martha Stelter, Conan Eaton, Effie Lobdell and C.A. Hansen. It was noted that Effie Lobdell is not buried in the Island cemetery. Charlotte agreed to assist in coordinating plans for the cemetery walk, probably to take place in September next year. Maybe arrangements could be made to hold the event inside if it should rain. The Boyers did a very professional job preparing a video for the last cemetery walk, but they may not want to do it again.

Dick will do a presentation about Thordarson next summer. This will probably be in July on a date to be determined.

Doc Westring is stating to work on a compilation of old Island home movies and other videos, to preserve some of this material in a newer format and present the work product at some point in the future.

Personnel

Eric noted that we had increased Janet's hours to 12 per week for the remainder of 2013, and that we had budgeted for 14 hours for next year. This gives her some time to work by herself when the Archives office is not officially open. Upon motion by Dave Raup and seconded by Connie Sena it was agreed that the hours will be 14 per week for 2014.

Archives Equipment

Janet has identified several pieces of obsolete equipment stored in the Archives vaults, and we authorized her to dispose of these, subject to whatever Town rules may apply. Kirby will check on those rules. There is also a small display case with a gift to the Icelanders of the Island, from an Icelandic association in Chicago. Janet will see if there may be a place for this at the Jacobsen museum.

Fund Raising

Eric suggested that with the increasing volume of activity, and the growing budget reflecting more hours to be paid for, we need to think about raising funds more aggressively. The fund raising letter next year could include more numbers. There may be grants we could apply for. We should consider a fee schedule for some of the services we provide. The challenge grant last year worked well.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Archives Committee will take place at 3:00 PM on Friday, February 7, 2014, in the Rutledge Room.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Dave Raup and seconded by Jeanie Young the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Lundberg", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Merrill C. Lundberg, Secretary