

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

The Friday, February 13, 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, Merrill Lundberg, Richard Purinton, David Raup and Jeanette Young. Also present was Archivist Janet Berggren. Jewel Lee Grandy, Eric Greenfeldt, Charlotte Hansen and Connie Sena were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Without objection the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2014, 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. She noted that the books of the town for the past calendar year are not yet closed. Donations for 2014 were up by about \$1300. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Election of Officers

Eric Greenfeldt has resigned his position as Chairman of the Committee, because of his absence from the Island and uncertainty about the timing of his return, but he will continue as a member and as a volunteer when he is available. We discussed possibilities for a new chairman but decided not to proceed in the absence of four Committee members. Upon motion by Dick Purinton and seconded by Jeanie Young we agreed to defer the election of officers to the May meeting of the Committee.

Archivist's Report

The Archivist reported on current activities. The year has been a busy time so far. The genealogy program needs to be brought up to date and the master file for indexing has also fallen behind. Janet shared some thoughts about using the present and some prospective new volunteers to help catch up on some of the things that need to get done. The increase in visitors to the Archives office is good, of course, but this can be disruptive. Some work could be done by volunteers on their own schedules and not just when the office is open.

We discussed a policy about donations that are offered with conditions and we decided to reject a suggestion that a camera be housed at the Archives office.

The Archivist also presented a written report for 2014. A copy is attached to the minutes. The report includes lists of research requests and accessions, inventory at year end, and information about the 2014 programs. An edited version of the report will be published in the Observer.

The Treasurer noted that she has cancelled insurance on our books because this exposure is also covered under another policy.

Archives Programs for 2015

Dick Purinton presented a couple of possibilities for Archives programs next summer. First, Richard Lauder has produced a DVD about old Island post cards and could do a presentation based on this project. Second, Craig Wright could do a program about his work on early Island property transfers from the public domain to private ownership. We agreed that these are good ideas. No dates have been set. Sunday afternoons in later June and later July seem to work well. It should be after the ball game.

Fund Raising Appeal for 2015

Janet said we need a small group to work on revising our mailing list and preparing the appeal letter. We will ask Eric, Julie and Jeanie to work on the research for this, and Dick will work on the letter. Janet noted that the ad we used paid off.

Future Projects

Dave Raup suggested that some parts of our photo collection could be made accessible to the public in electronic format. We agreed that we could make the Archives master file available to Eric Bonow for his personal use.

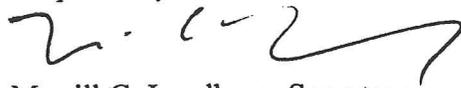
Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Archives Committee will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 4:00 PM in the Rutledge Room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Merrill C. Lundberg, Secretary