

Sauk County Historical Society  
Board of Director's Meeting  
March 15, 2010

The March 15, 2010, Board of Director's meeting was held at the museum and was called to order by President, Paul Wolter. Present were Paul Wolter, Bill Schuette, Rob Nurre, Kathy Gosewehr, Bob Brown, Ken Weitzel, Pam Krainik, Mona Larsen, Dave SaLoutos, Natalie Bussan and Lynn Imme (National Specialty-West Bend Mutual). Absent were Mark Graupman and Bev. Vaillancourt.

**Agenda:** Wolter added a discussion on the Smithsonian Exhibit in Reedsburg. Motion made by Schuette, seconded by Krainik, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Wolter then introduced the Society's new Executive Director, Kathy Gosewehr.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the previous meeting presented in written form by Schuette. Motion made by Weitzel, seconded by Nurre, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Schuette reported that there is now a special, proprietary page on the Web site, accessible by board members only. It contains reports to the board, committee members and duties, board minutes, etc.

**Insurance Report:** Lynn Imme, representing the National Specialty-West Bend Mutual insurance company, presented a proposal to insure Society property and board members (see appended).

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented in written form (see appended). Motion made by Bussan, seconded by Larsen, to accept the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The value of the Society's assets as of Feb. 28, 2010, is \$410,044. which is up \$7,316 from the previous month.

**Staff Reports:** Executive Director, Curator, and Staff Assistant reports presented in written form (see appended).

**Finance Committee Report:** Wolter introduced a resolution to remove Joan Fordham as a check signer, and install Schuette and Wolter to take up that function, effective March 22, 2010 (see appended resolution). Motion made by Bussan, seconded by SaLoutos, to accept the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

The board then discussed the insurance proposal presented by Imme. Motion made by Bussan, seconded by SaLoutos, to accept the proposal from the National Specialty-West Bend Mutual insurance company, authorizing a total up to \$6,000. worth of coverage, after a few minor corrections by the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee Report:** Presented in written form by Wolter (see appended).

**Membership Committee Report:** Presented by Larsen (see appended). She said that she's contacting people whose memberships had expired long ago and has had a good response.

**Fundraising Committee Report:** Presented in written form by Wolter (See appended). Motion made by Nurre, seconded by SaLoutos, to authorize application for the Wis. Antique Dealer's Assoc., Thrivent Financial, and a WHS mini-grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Relations Committee:** Schuette presented a written report (see appended).

**Museum, Education, Events Committee:** Schuette presented a report (see appended). He also reported the Arts & Culture Committee only partially funded the Kiosk grant. The decision was to wait and see the amount before proceeding.

**Archeological Sites Committee:** Nurre presented a verbal report. The committee is pursuing a management plan for each of the sites. Several short term goals involve erecting signs at the sites, and the production of a sites brochure(s). He also noted the work being done at Yellow Thunder monument. Trees have been removed and the Ho-Chunk will chip the debris. Discussions are in progress on covering the monument with a mound, and leaving a slot so that the monument may be observed.

**Facilities Committee:** Reported by Brown (see appended).

**Key Ingredients Report:** Nurre noted a traveling Smithsonian exhibition is coming to Reedsburg in the fall, relating to the food we eat. A letter of support is being requested. Motion made by Bussan, seconded by SaLoutos to generate the letter. Motion passed unanimously.

**Budget & Staffing:** Wolter reported that staffing costs are being accessed as they will look on Aug. 31. Current estimate is there will be a \$24K shortfall.

**History Center Update:** Wolter noted the state approved plans have been received. Suggestion was made that we hold a special board meeting at the History Center for a walkthrough and work day. It will happen April 10; at 9 a.m. Wolter suggested we have Dave Statz be the coordinator of the construction process.

The next board meeting will be April 19, at the Spring Green Library at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, motion made by Nurre, seconded by SaLoutos, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.