

WEST POINT AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town of West Point Area Historical Society held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at the West Point Town Hall. The meeting was posted in the three designated places in the town and on the town's web site.

Agenda #1 - Call to Order –President Joan Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Joan Ryan, Karon Hamilton, Kristine Lehman, Della Ryan, Chris Ryan and Mary Ann Johnson. Sharon Richmond and Terri Hancock were absent.

Agenda #2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda #3- Correspondence: The “Columns” magazine from the Wisconsin Historical Society, Sauk County Historical Newsletter. A thank you letter from Marian Beaudette for the calendars and the work of the Society.

Agenda #4 – Public input for future agendas: Changing the Annual Meeting date and time.

Agenda #5 – Approval of Minutes for December 6, 2011

The minutes had been emailed to the Historical Society members prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Karon Hamilton to approve the minutes of December 6, 2011, 2nd by Kristine Lehman – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #6 – Treasurer's report

There is a balance of \$1766.58 in our treasury as of December 9, 2011. The new equipment has been paid for at a cost of \$1272.57; as well as video tapes and cookies from Weber's Bakery. A motion was made by Mary Ann Johnson to approve the amount of \$1766.58 for the treasury balance, 2nd by Chris Ryan - motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #7 – Oral Histories and Programs – Mary Ann Johnson
recommended John Nelson, grandson of Mrs. Reynolds – Reynolds Road, for our annual meeting. Mary Ann was reminded that we are not having a program for our next Annual Meeting, just the meeting. Joan Ryan recommended we try and think of people that can be interviewed and to take the digital recorder and tape them.

Agenda #8 - Society Newsletter

Terri Hancock, who is currently doing the newsletter, has asked if anyone else is interested in putting together the newsletter. Della Ryan said that Terri is doing an excellent job. Mary Ann Johnson said the newsletters were very imaginative and perhaps to help Terri each board member and any Society members could do a brief biography for the members to become acquainted for insertion into the newsletters.

A motion was made by Della Ryan that due to the excellent presentation of the newsletters that Terri Hancock should continue to do them and perhaps our board members could offer a biography per newsletters, 2nd by Karon Hamilton - motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #9 –Membership

Karon Hamilton reported that there are currently 39 members, this includes 3 members who have not yet renewed.

Agenda #10- Donations

The Society needs again to show there appreciation to Edie Eberle, Town Clerk and Lonna Zeman, Town Treasurer for their help in selling calendars. A motion by Karon Hamilton to give Edie Eberle and Lonna Zeman a \$25.00 gift certificate, as we donated in 2011, 2nd Mary Ann Johnson – motion carried unanimously

The Town of West Point is going to build an outdoor shelter and is looking for donations. A motion was made by Mary Ann Johnson to postpone any decision about a donation until Della Ryan can update the treasurer's report, 2nd by Joan Ryan - motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #11- Obituary data base collection.

Joan Ryan has alphabetized by last name our current obituary list. There are currently 742 names but this is an on going project and there will be more names added, she just gave some to Della Ryan to enter.

Agenda #12- Video Camera memory card and External Hard Drive

The memory card has been purchased from Full Compass and Joan Ryan is donated a memory card reader as our current computer does not have a slot for that. Joan Ryan has used her own external hard drive to back up the files from the computer. Both Joan and Terri Hamilton feel that we do not need to purchase one as long as Joan continues to do the back up and Lonna Zeman also does this once a month for the Town.

Agenda #13- Calendar Sales 2012

There are 3 calendars left that Joan Ryan has purchased. If they are sold the money will go to her.

Agenda #14 – 2013 Calendar

Joan Ryan made it very clear that if the Society wants to do another calendar more members will have to contribute. Joan Ryan and Patti Schuknecht do 90% of the preparation and Terri Hancock has done the rest for emailing to the prison. Patti Schuknecht will not be available this year because of a knee operation. With the understanding that more members have to put in time with the calendar, a motion was made by Karon Hamilton to do a West Point 2013 Calendar, 2nd by Della Ryan – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #15 Next Commission Meeting – March 6, 2012

Agenda #16 – Next Society Meeting – March 6, 2012

Adjourn Meeting #17. A motion was made by Kris Lehman to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m., 2nd by Della Ryan - motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Mary Ann Johnson,

Secretary of the West Point Area Historical Society