

**Taylor County Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2019**

Meeting called to order by president Sara Nuernberger at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Terry Schultz, Irene Fallon, Arlene Strama, Louise Paul, Dee Gowey, Marvel Lemke, Donna Doriot, Sara Nuernberger, Toni Matthias, Diane Albrecht, Mary Schultz, Rita Way and Shirley Pleus.

The minutes of the May 16th board meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Diane Albrecht, seconded by Terry Schultz. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved with a motion by Arlene Strama, seconded by Irene Fallon. Motion carried.

Correspondence: The 2019 Local History Meeting will be held September 13 at the Stanley Area Historical Society Museum in Stanley. Topics will be digitization projects and digital collection development.

President's Report: The Co-op building is now organized but there are more items to be displayed that are in storage in the garage. There were numerous compliments and positive feedback during the fair. The craft projects for the kids during the fair went well. The kids particularly liked the rock painting.

Curators' Report: The fair went well in the museum. Both kids and adults liked writing with the nib/quill pens.

The museum received a donation of memorabilia of the Twentieth Century Club of Rib Lake which included numerous photos and newspaper articles of the Rib Lake area.

Old Business: The Co-op Building will have additional items added to the displays for 2020, as well as signage and photos.

New Business:

Payroll Account Balance: The payroll account needs additional funds added to carry through until the end of the year. A motion was made by Shirley Pleus, seconded by Marvel Lemke, to transfer \$3,500 from checking to the payroll account. Motion carried.

2020 County Budget: After a discussion, the board asked the president to request the county to increase the grant we receive from the \$11,740 we currently receive, back to the \$13,000 we received in prior years.

Compensation for Volunteers for doing the work in the Co-op Building: A motion was made by Terry Schultz, seconded by Irene Fallon, to give the Co-op Building volunteers a \$150 gift certificate. Two voted in favor, ten not in favor. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Shirley Pleus, seconded by Louise Paul, to give \$200 in Chamber of Commerce gift certificates to the volunteers who worked in the Co-op building. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by Terry Schultz, seconded by Diane Albrecht. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Schultz, Secretary

General Membership Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Sara Nuernberger at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jorie Nelson, Donna Doriot, Charles Doriot, Arlene Strama, Louise Paul, Shirley Pleus, Pat Pleus, Shirley Werner, Corliss Jensen, Irene Fallon, Clarence Kropp, Margie Kropp, Marvel Lemke, Julie Janke, Jackie Robinson, Dee Gowey, Dave Lemke, Shirley Lemke, Toni Matthias and Sara Nuernberger.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Irene Fallon, seconded by Louise Paul. Motion carried. The April 13, 2019 general membership meeting minutes were approved as distributed with a motion by Arlene Strama, seconded by Shirley Pleus. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read and approved with a motion by Dee Gowey, seconded by Jorie Nelson. Motion carried.

Curator's Report:

Staff was contacted by Our Wisconsin magazine requesting information on Tombstone Pizza. They will be doing an article on the history of Tombstone Pizza and it is planned for the Sept/Oct issue at this time. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy, Toni has the information for ordering a copy of the magazine.

Youth Day was well attended this year and the museum was included in the scavenger hunt. Thank you to the volunteers that helped us with this event.

Correspondence:

The Department of Workforce Development sent a request for us to complete information regarding employees at the museum. Sara completed the information and returned it to them.

New Business: None

Old Business:

The Co-op building project is coming along. Sara's brother is helping us out by completing carpentry work in the building and has plans to begin hanging some of the artifacts soon.

The One Room Schoolhouse days were conducted in May and taught by Marvel Lemke with assistance from the museum staff. Marvel shared pictures of the visiting students. The program will again be held for the 2019/2020 school year. Thank you to Marvel Lemke for teaching the classes and to office staff for assisting.

The schoolhouse interior is currently being painted and will have a fresh new look. Sara stated that if anyone has any old student desks that they would be willing to donate, we are in need of a few more.

Fundraising: Due to the time needed to work on the Co-op Building and the School, fundraising projects have been put on hold and will be revisited later this year.

A motion was made to adjourn by Irene Fallon, seconded by Chuck Doriot. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Toni Matthias, Acting Secretary

Taylor County Historical Society
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May 16, 2019

Meeting called to order by Sara Nuernberger at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Terry Schultz, Diane Albrecht, Sara Nuernberger, Donna Doriot, Shirley Pleus, Louise Paul, Dee Gowey, Arlene Strama, Irene Fallon, Rita Way, Mary Schultz, and Toni Matthias.

The minutes of the March 21st, board meeting was reviewed. Irene Fallon was omitted from those present at the meeting. The corrected minutes were approved with a motion by Terry Schultz, seconded by Irene Fallon. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read and approved with a motion by Diane Albrecht, seconded by Louise Paul. Motion carried.

Correspondence: The Wisconsin Historical Society has sent copies of the *Columns* newsletter to be distributed to the board of directors.

President's Report: The contact Sara had for doing a program on Stetsonville history for the June membership meeting declined. The curators will look for photos of Stetsonville for the program with the presentation being done by Sara. It was suggested to have the membership meeting at the Country Gardens assisted living facility as many of the residents would probably be interested in Stetsonville history.

Curators' Report: Four of the fourth-grade classes from the Medford Area Elementary School are visiting Washington school for the day in a one-room schoolhouse program. Two of the classes have already been held, with two more scheduled in the next two weeks. Marvel Lemke is teaching the classes. The classes are using McGuffey readers, writing with nib pens and ink, doing arithmetic on slate boards, having spelling bees and playing old-fashioned games during recess.

Youth Day is scheduled for May 17. The museum is participating in the trivia contest with the question: When did the railroad come to Medford? 1873

We've had several donations to the museum in the last month: a china cabinet, gramophone, clock, coffee grinder and wine goblets. We also received a box of newspapers and advertising items, glass negatives of the Westboro area and a plat book.

Cleaning of the historical buildings was discussed. A cleaning day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29.

Old Business.

Co-op Building Project: Logging and farm items have been moved from the main museum down to the Co-op Building.

Sara suggested the fundraising project of a booklet for sale of historical pictures and information be put on hold until next year when we will have more time.

New Business: Sara's brother is available to do the work in getting the displays built for the Co-op building and the museum. The budget for the new displays was discussed. A motion was made to give Donna Doriot the authority to use \$3,000 from the CD as needed for building materials and to pay \$20 per hour for the labor. The motion was made by Toni Matthias, seconded by Irene Fallon. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by Shirley Pleus, seconded by Arlene Strama. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Mary Schultz, Secretary

General Membership Meeting – April 13, 2019

The meeting called to order by Sara Nuernberger at 11:05 a.m.

Present: Arlene Parent, Rita Way, Jorie Nelson, Donna Doriot, Charles Doriot, Arlene Strama, Louise Paul, Terry Schultz, Shirley Pleus, Pat Pleus, Diane Albrecht, Shirley Werner, Chris Finkler, Earl Finkler, Corliss Jensen, Mary Schultz, Sara Nuernberger.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Diane Albrecht, seconded by Chuck Doriot. Motion carried.

The January 19, 2019 general membership meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Arlene Strama, seconded by Louise Paul. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read and approved with a motion by Diane Albrecht, seconded by Earl Finkler. Motion carried.

Curator's Report:

Toni and Mary have been transcribing digital files that have been made from cassette tapes which we have in our collection. They cover a variety of topics such as Prink's Dam, the Amish living in Taylor County, dairy farming, etc. Chris Finkler will also be assisting with this project.

Toni painted one of the display cases that was recently purchased.

Mary and Toni have been planning several new exhibits. One of the exhibits will be about the Medford Mink Festivals and the other one will focus on recreation in Taylor County and will be changed with the seasons.

New Business: None

Old Business:

The Co-op building project has been on hold due to the weather.

Cultural Fair: Toni and Sara had a table at the Cultural Fair held at the Medford High School. The Historical Society had a drawing and gave away one Taylor County History book and three memberships.

Fundraising: It was decided at the March board meeting to put together a book with photos and news articles to sell as a fundraiser instead of calendars. Cookies will again be sold at Maplefest.

A Day in a One-Room School: Four days in May have been scheduled for classes in the schoolhouse. Marvel Lemke will be teaching, and Mary and Toni will assist her. Next fall we will reach out to additional schools in the county to ask if they would be interested in participating.

The interior of the school will be painted in June and we will also purchase new window shades.

Discussion: The question was asked if the museum will be open again for Youth Day on May 17. The museum will be open, and we will contact Mike Riggle to verify the times they need us to be open.

A motion was made to adjourn by Donna Doriot, seconded by Pat Pleus. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Schultz, Secretary

Taylor County Historical Society
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March 21, 2019

Meeting called to order by Sara Nuernberger at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Terry Schultz, Rita Way, Dee Gowey, Louise Paul, Toni Matthias, Donna Doriot, Diane Albrecht, Sara Nuernberger, Mary Schultz, Shirley Pleus, and Arlene Strama.

A motion was made by Diane Albrecht, seconded by Irene Fallon, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 21, 2019 board meeting were read and approved with a motion by Terry Schultz, seconded by Toni Matthias. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read and approved with a motion by Louise Paul, seconded by Diane Albrecht. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Roger Emmerich dropped off information about the Forward Bank Charitable Money Market Account program explaining their program for donations to non-profits.

The Historical Society received a membership renewal form from Historic St. Ann's. A motion to renew our membership at the \$25 level was made by Arlene Strama, seconded by Toni Matthias. Motion carried.

The mini-grant program is available again. We can receive up to \$700 with matching funds.

President's Report: Sara has been digitalizing cassette tapes from the 1970s which are programs from speakers at the UW Medford campus as well past museum programs. The digital files will be transcribed and will be a good resource for historical information on Taylor County.

Programs for Membership Meetings: A program on the history of Stetsonville was suggested by Sara. She will check on getting a speaker for this topic.

Curators' Report: When the logging equipment is moved to the Co-op building, the museum will have room for two new full-sized exhibits. Mary and Toni are thinking of a recreation exhibit which would be rotated with the seasons, and an exhibit featuring the Medford Mink Festival. There will be room for a smaller exhibit by the north door which possibly will be photos of Medford businesses through the years. An area for students from the middle school to create an exhibit is also being considered.

Old Business

Building Project: We will need volunteers to build displays in the Co-op building and to build raised floors for the exhibits in the museum.

Cultural Fair: Toni and Sara had a table at the Cultural Fair held at the Medford High School. The Historical Society had a drawing and gave away one Taylor County History book and three memberships.

Fundraising: The calendar fundraising idea was discussed. It was suggested we sell a photo booklet on local history topics, such as the great fire of 1885 or communities in Taylor County, instead of the calendars. Sara will check into what this would cost.

The museum will be open for Maple Fest on Saturday, April 27, and we will again be selling cookies.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rita Way, seconded by Irene Fallon. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Schultz, Secretary

**Taylor County Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Sara Nuernberger at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Diane Albrecht, Shirley Pleus, Dee Gowey, Arlene Strama, Rita Way, Toni Matthias, Sara Nuernberger, Irene Fallon and Marvel Lemke.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Dee Gowey to approve the agenda, seconded by Marvel Lemke. Motion carried.

Minutes of October 18, 2018 board meeting were read by Toni. Shirley Pleus made a motion to accept the October meeting minutes as read, seconded by Dee Gowey. Motion carried.

No treasurer's report, Donna Doriot was unable to attend the meeting.

Correspondence: We received a letter from the DOT in regard to a project on Hwy 97. The letter will be placed on file.

President's Report: IRS e-postcard has been filed to maintain our tax-exempt status. The Wisconsin Historical Society annual report has been filed.

Curators' Report:

Toni mentioned her, and Sara went through storage area above bathrooms and cleaned that up. Several mannequins were found. Toni has been working on articles for future newsletters and continuing to organize the storage room.

Old Business:

Building Project. The large items from the logging display will be moved down to the Co-op building in spring. Setup of the displays in the Co-op building will be started in the spring with the intent to have them finished by fair time.

Day in a One Room Schoolhouse. Marvel Lemke has agreed to teach for the program.

School Interior Painting. Marlene Brandner will paint the inside of schoolhouse in June. Her quote was for \$1,130.43 which includes paint and supplies. Eggshell or light yellow was discussed for the paint color. Sara mentioned that we also need to purchase new window shades.

Cultural Fair. The Cultural Fair is on March 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will have a table at the event. Sara and Toni will be there, and we will be selling 8 x 10 historic photos along with tiles, books, etc. We will have a special on the Taylor County History Book for \$20 for this event. A

discussion was held about having drawings again this year. It was decided to give away a Taylor County History Book as well as several memberships.

Fundraising. Discussed selling calendars with old photos. Calendars should be done before fair time if we decide to have this as a fundraiser. Sara will get numbers on cost and bring to next meeting. Selling 8 x 10 copies of historic photos. Discussed selling cookies at Maplefest again. This year we will order 12 dozen cookies to sell.

Programs for 2019. Sara talked about transferring tape recordings from cassette tapes to digital format. It may be a possibility to use the audio with photos for a program for the public. Discussed a community program this year instead of having an annual dinner. Possibly a Drive-In Movie Night event. Program could possibly be combined with an open house at museum. The event could be held in early or mid-September.

Audit of Treasurer's Books (2018). Arlene Strama and Irene Fallon completed the audit and the books were found to be in order.

The motion was made to adjourn by Diane Albrecht, seconded by Rita Way.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Toni Matthias, Acting Secretary

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 19, 2019

The meeting called to order by President Sara Nuernberger at 11:02 a.m.

Present: Irene Fallon, Tom Matthias, Dee Gowey, Arlene Strama, Arlene Parent, Donna Doriot, Charles Doriot, Shirley Pleus, Pat Pleus, Clarence Kropp, Margie Kropp, Marvel Lemke, Diane Thielke, Gordon Thielke, Bruce Albrecht, Diane Albrecht, Louise Paul, Jorie Nelson, Hildegard Kuse, Loretta Kuse, Jackie Robinson, Toni Matthias, Sara Nuernberger.

Gordon Thielke made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Tom Matthias. Motion carried.

The minutes of the September general membership meeting were read by Toni Matthias. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gordon Thielke, and seconded by Irene Fallon. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Donna Doriot. Correction to year at top of Treasurer's report was made to show 2019. A motion was made by Arlene Strama to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Dee Gowey. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Updates will be covered under old business.

Curator's Report:

January 3rd, we had 50 students from fourth grade tour the museum. Marvel Lemke assisted Toni with the tours. Tours went well and students enjoyed themselves. Toni has been going through old newspapers and finding interesting stories for the newsletter. Sara and Toni did a display of old Christmas ornaments at the courthouse and the display has gotten good comments. Toni and Sara will be working on putting together things for the Cultural Fair which is to be held at the high school in March.

Old Business:

Building Project: Jon Macik sealed the walls in October. Setup of the displays in the Co-op building will be started in the spring with the intent to have them finished by fair time.

Our first Day in a One Room Schoolhouse was held September 25th and it went well very well. Marvel Lemke, Toni Matthias and Mary Schultz were there as observers. We hope to have 5-6 more fourth grade classes participate in May of this year.

Listening to War Project: The visual and audio tapes have been sent to Recollection Wisconsin to be digitized. Once the project is completed, the materials will be available online.

Schoolhouse Painting: Marlene Brandner has given us a quote to paint the interior of the schoolhouse and it should be completed prior to the fair.

New Business:

Cultural Fair: We will be participating in the cultural fair again this year. It is being held at the high school on March 2, 2019 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Fundraising: We are looking at doing a calendar fundraiser. If we get advertisers for the calendars, the money made from selling the calendars would be all profit. Last year we sold cookies at Maple Fest and that went well. We may consider a No Bake-Bake Sale this year where donations are made to the organization.

Programs for 2019: Sara asked if anyone had any ideas of specific topics for programs this year. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Sara, Toni or Mary with those ideas.

Audit of Treasurer's Books: Arlene Strama and Irene Fallon will complete the audit this year.

2018 Payroll Administrator Report: Report was reviewed. The county grant money was just received and will be deposited into the payroll account.

2019 Budget: Revenues and disbursements for 2019 were discussed. Motion to accept the 2019 budget made by Dee Gowey, seconded by Louise Paul, motion carried.

Elections: A nomination report was presented showing the officers and board members that are up for election. Lanny Zimmerlee and Donald Brunner have asked to be taken off the board. Marvel Lemke and Irene Fallon have been nominated to replace Lanny and Donald. Sara made a call three times for any additional nominations. Hearing none, Hildegard Kuse made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for nominations as presented, seconded by Pat Pleus. Motion carried.

Gordon Thielke made a motion that signage be made regarding to joining the Historical Society and that the signage be posted at all events and in the office. Diane Albrecht seconded the motion, motion carried.

Hildegard Kuse discussed the 4th grade history book used at the schools and the project they are working on to make the information more locally related. Hildegard said they are interested in receiving information about local people whose life stories would be interesting to share. The Medford Alumni group was mentioned as a source of information for Hildegard. Anyone with any information, please contact Hildegard or Loretta Kuse.

A motion was made to adjourn by Diane Albrecht, seconded by Irene Fallon. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Matthias, Acting Secretary