

Citizens Meeting
October 2, 2018



Present: Mike Hittner, Dawn Baker, Diane Nickel, Billy Parker, Don Matthews, Anne Rozner, Skip Johnson, Larry Knutson, Paula Klevene, Jim Nickel, Dan Hustedt, Joni Wolf.

Minutes of 9/4/2018: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Motion made by Jim Nickel and seconded by Paula Klevene.

New Committees: Two new committees have been formed and approved by the board for members to join. The Visitor Center Committee and the Historic Committee. It is not too late to join. Contact Historic Point Basse.

Visitor Center: Bonnie Wolslegel contacted a log home builder and they suggested a garage versus a house for the building. Cost for the lumber would be considerably less and different types of windows could be installed in the garage unit. The cost for the material for a garage 30' x 40' would be about \$10,000. Work would have to be done by the members.

Stella Michals Estate: The money from the estate has been received but has not been deposited yet because the Federal Reserve has raised the rates and we are waiting to see if there is an interest rate increase. The money will be deposited locally even though there are places with a slightly higher rate but less accessibility.

Site Security: Bill from Nekoosa Locksmith came to the site on September 22, 2018 to check out the site and walked around with Mike Hittner. He suggested two cameras on the house, one facing southeast and the other facing east northeast. Two cameras installed on the schoolhouse, one facing east and one facing northeast. The cameras would be wired to a unit with a fourteen day recording capability, then it would overwrite oldest data. He is willing to do it for the cost of the equipment and not charge for labor. We are still awaiting a written proposal. We are still looking at other possibilities. Skip brought up the fact that he uses a security camera purchased from Best Buy.

Harvest Fair: Dawn Baker and Diane Nickel reported that they thought things went well in the house. Jim Nickel and Don Matthews said things went well in the three bay shed. Paula said that we made \$213. Larry said there was a steady flow of people and they seemed interested. Doreen Hartje and Paula Klevene said things went well in the school.

Campfire Cooking Workshop: Everyone agreed that the one day workshop was a good idea. Dawn said that the timeline needs to be worked on. Dutch ovens needed to be started earlier. Larry Knutson suggested that Tom's beans should be cooked three quarters of the way done at home and then finished on site. Doreen Hartje suggested that meat could be done in the same manner. Larry asked his family for an honest opinion of the workshop and they loved it and plan on returning next year with some more people. The pineapple upside down dessert was good. It was suggested by the participants that there needs to be more tables to eat at instead of trying to balance a hot paper plate. Tom wanted to use only the old tables because a hot cast iron piece of cookware placed on the new plastic tables would ruin them. Tom did a great job of organizing and allowing each cook to present their portion of the class. Anne Rozner enjoyed teaching the participants about foraging and tea. She had participants contact her on a day after the class and they went foraging.

Forestry Association: The Wisconsin Forestry Association will be on the site on October 5, 2018 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Mike has arranged for people to be at all of the buildings for tours. Larry is in charge of lemonade for them to drink as they are touring. They gave Historic Point Basse four tickets for the dinner the same evening at the Mead Inn. Those attending from Historic Point Basse at the present time are Joe Greco, Paula Klevene, Ron Harris and Dawn Baker. Historic Point Basse will be receiving an award at the dinner. Ron Harris will be accepting the award.

Park Place: Park Place residents will be visiting Historic Point Basse site on October 10, 2018 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Mike Hittner is coordinating the tour.

School Groups: There are four school groups scheduled for this fall with one more possibly in November.

Inventory: Mike Hittner is asking that we start the inventory as Jim will be having some spare time to enter all of the data. Don would like the inventory to have a picture and a brief description of the article. A ruler could be placed with the item for a size reference. If the inventory is done with a computer it can be done with Access or Excel. Data can be placed on a DVD, thumb drive or SD card for transfer to Jim Nickel. Jim would then enter all of the data and get a final report when all buildings have been completed. Larry Knutson will do the bunkhouse. Don Matthews and Jim Nickel will do the three bay shed. Skip Johnson will do the barn. Diane Nickel and Dawn Baker would do the house. Joe Greco or Tom Brehmer would do the cabin. Doreen Hartje and Paula Klevene would do the schoolhouse. A couple of people could do the warehouse. Ken Hartje would do the blacksmith shop. The basement of the schoolhouse would have to be done with a committee. It was suggested that pictures could be taken of the items in the basement and then sent to the committee members. They could look at the pictures ahead of time. Then they could meet and decide what to do with the items. Larry suggested that if someone needs help, they are responsible for asking for help.

Spirit Walk: Jim Nickel will be in the barn. Don Matthews and Bev Ross will be in the house. Mike and Steve will be in the warehouse. Larry Knutson will be in the cabin. Ryan and Shania will be at the fire ring outside the cabin. Rhonda Whetstone will be in the bunkhouse. Ken Hartje will be in the blacksmith shop. Billy Parker and Tom will be on the west side of the bridge. The Kitowski sisters will be behind the school. Paula Klevene and Doreen Hartje will be in the school. Joni Wolf will be the story teller. Bonnie Wolslegel will be making note cards for the guides. Kathy Albert, Janet McLaughlin and Rose Orgish will be making the hot apple cider. Bonnie and Ann will be selling tickets. Guides and tail guides are: Skip Johnson with Girl Scouts, Dawn Baker and Terry Baker, Dan Hustedt and Tina Krummel, Ted Orgish and Scott Keller, Julie Carlson and her husband, Johann Huillman and Rhonnie Sailing, Raynee Fredricksen and Kalie Fredricksen, Paul Rusch and Jennie Rusch. Guide and tail guides should meet in the schoolhouse at 5:00pm for instructions for the evening. We need lanterns, tarps in place on the Monday before the event. The coffin is in the basement. A map for the guides would be helpful. Joni needs story books and a head lamp. If any spirit would like a preface, they need to get it to Mike Hittner as soon as possible. It should be very short. All instructions need to be mailed to the guides and tail guides at least one week before the event.

Domtar Land: Mike Hittner, Ron Harris and Don Matthews will be meeting with Domtar representatives later this month to take a tour of the proposed land deal.

Go Daddy: Jim Nickel brought up that the domain name of www.historicpointbasse.com will be up for renewal in March of 2019 and needs to be brought up at the next board meeting. Don Matthews will be putting it on the agenda.

Master Gardeners: Paula reported that the tobacco is ready to be harvested and is available for anyone wanting it. Don thought that Joe Greco would like it. Paula is going to check with him.

Wakely Feast: Don Matthews reported that he has some wild rice for the Wakely Feast. Anne Rozner had an idea for center pieces for the tables. She would like members to start collecting dried natural materials from yards and gardens. For example, acorns, dried flowers, grasses with seed heads. Larry Knutson suggested that the materials could be hot glued together and some could be put in vases. Larry also suggested that we meet before the feast and have a craft night so members could help create the center pieces. Larry also brought up using antlers.

Wakely House: If anyone is using the house, please leave the house clean. If there are items being taken home for cleaning, use the check-out list located on the backside of the closet door. If you are using items at another

location on site, please check out the item. When the item is returned, check it off. Any items broken, please note it on the check-out sheet so it can be replaced.

The windows will now have two boards for each window. One board is long and is currently hanging on the side trim of the window. The board that is used to prop open the window can now be used for locking the shutter closed. The hook half way up the shutter still needs to be hooked when locking. The long board is for keeping the shutter open. When removing the nail that keeps the window locked, place it on the sill (preferably the left side) and remember to replace it when locking the window.

Citizens Meeting: The next six Citizens Meetings will be held in the McCourt Room of the McMillan Library. The dates are Tuesday - November 6, 2018, Tuesday - December 4, 2018, Wednesday - January 2, 2019, Tuesday - February 5, 2019, Tuesday - March 5, 2019, Tuesday - April 2, 2019.

Bible: A bible had been donated to Historic Point Basse and family members are searching for the bible. They are not interested in getting the bible back, but are interested in the names that are in the bible for a family tree research. If anyone knows of it's whereabouts, please contact Diane Nickel at (715)886-4230.

Bird Trail: The project has been started. There are three Girl Scout Cadets working on the project under the direction of Ron Harris and Diane Nickel. They have met initially with Ron Harris and Diane Nickel to get the directives. Since that meeting, they have met twice and have since picked out five birds for each girl. Each girl has completed two of their birds to date. When all have been completed, they will be e-mailed to Ron Harris for editing and approval. Don Matthews will cut the wood to be used for posts. The girls will also be doing the digging of holes and mounting the signs to the posts.

Citizens Meeting Secretary - Diane Nickel