



Citizen Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2019

Present: Paula Klevene, Skip Johnson, Doreen Hartje, John Huilman, Mike Hittner, Larry Knutson, Jeff Stewart, Don Matthews, Diane Nickel, Jim Nickel, Dawn Baker.

Review Sugar Bush: Diane mentioned that Matt and Erin Kloskowski enjoyed the event so much that they joined. Erin will even be working at Pioneer Fest. The House went well. Doreen said that the school went well. Larry said that he had some very good groups. Johann mentioned that there was some problems with the taps in the maple tree by the house and that while he was taking care of it, people were really interested in what was going on versus just hearing about the process. They had a chance to see it.

Trail Update: Don said that four posts were replaced on the upper trail. The flood caused debris to be deposited around number six marker. The Girl Scouts will be able to continue on the project after May 19, 2019. Jim will be drilling holes in the corners of the signs and Don will be making backer boards. The backer boards will be attached to the posts and then the signs screwed onto the backer board. It was suggested to put the bird signs between the existing markers. Diane also suggested perhaps the Girl Scouts could also make benches for the trails to complete their Gold Award. Mike thought that it would be a good idea to have extra benches and rest areas on the trail.

Garden Fence Update: About 80% of the south side has been completed. There is 1/2" hardware cloth that is buried in the ground and then about a foot above the ground. The project should cost about \$1,500.00. Don will be stopping at Home Depot to get more cedar boards to finish the garden fence.

House Roof Update: Central Roofing has not been in contact with us, but it will probably be done after Pioneer Fest. Diane would like to know when they will be doing the roof so she can take things off of the walls during the roofing.

Pioneer Fest: Jeff said that he could use five more people to work at the gate. Jeff would also like to have membership forms available at the gate. Diane mentioned that there is a blue three ring binder somewhere that has forms and a membership list in it. It has not been returned. Don mentioned that there may need to be someone on the road to direct people to where to go. Diane said that at Sugar Bush people drove down the road, did a tour of the grounds and asked where they were supposed to pay. Larry suggested a sign letting people know where to pay. Skip said that he has a printer that can print 17 x 22. He just needs to know what to put on the sign. It can be taken to the UPS Store and laminated and used at other events. Jim & Diane will be doing a map of the grounds and it will also list when there are various events scheduled. Skip will be going out to Jeremiah's Crossing to remind them about bringing a horse for the event. Julie and Barb will be working in the school. Dawn will be in charge of the house on Saturday. A ramp will be set up on the front steps for wheel chair access for her and left up all day. Sue Semrow will be doing a loom demonstration from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. There will also be a butter churning demonstration. The churns will be cleaned out before the event. Erin Kloskowski will be doing a spinning wheel demonstration. Brook Mitchell will be doing the upstairs on Saturday and on Sunday she will be making soap. Johann will be in the three bay shed. Don will be in the three bay shed also. 4-H girls will be helping with the ice cream making. They will also be assisting at the food tent. Scott, Katie and Sophia will be coming at 1:00pm on Saturday to help in the three bay shed and the house. Kathy Albert will be doing a quilting bee by the warehouse. In the warehouse if it rains. The Material Girls will also be doing a quilt raffle. The three bay shed will be doing spoon carving, dowel making, working with a molding plane and buck sawing.



Inventory Update: Doreen reported that the school has done the inventory on books and records. Everyone else is waiting for Tina to get onboard.

Kayak Update: Patrick Gatterman of Go Northward would like to put kayaks and canoes into the Wisconsin River at Historic Point Basse. The tours would start at 8:00am and 2:00pm. They would then go down river to Petenwell. A portion of the tour fee would go to Historic Point Basse. His two daughters would run the operation. He does have five million dollars in insurance. The tours would start after May 15 and would usually be on the weekends. It was suggested that we could also give them an event schedule to hand out and possibly a cheat sheet they could use to talk about the site. This will be an issue that has to be approved by the board. Don is hoping to have a board meeting on May 17, 2019.

Other Business: Craig Timm and another official of Domtar would like to tour the grounds. The Domtar official is new. Mike thought a 2:00pm tour would be good. It would be at the end of a school group and he then could see the inter-action with the community. It would also be nice if we do get the property to have the Ho-Chunk interpret the effigy mounds.

Diane brought up that we now have a DVD of the Larua Hall interview and where should it be stored. Mike thought the filing cabinet would be a good place. Paula took the DVD home to view.

Diane wanted to know if there was a procedure in place for training classes. There is not and it would have to be a board issue. It was suggested that non-members would become members and members would have a reduced rate for the classes in spinning and working the rug loom.

Citizens Meeting Secretary

Diane Nickel