



Citizens Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2020

Present: Skip Johnson, Don Matthews, Dawn Baker, Larry Knutson, Paula Klevene, Ken Hartje, Doreen Hartje, Joe Greco, Diane Nickel, Jim Nickel, Ann Rozner, John Huilman.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes:

Motion to accept December meeting minutes was made by Don Matthews and seconded by Paula Klevene. All approved.

Saratoga Request:

Dan Forbes gave an update on the road right of way. He showed an aerial map of the area with the right of way depicted by a black line border. He is thinking of angle parking and a parking area with vegetative fence. He wants to bring in Jeff Brubaker for more ideas. The kayak company is a private company that Historic Point Basse needs to deal with. He asked if we would need the extra property. Saratoga is willing to work with us with a conditional use permit. Don will take the survey question to the next board meeting.

Security System:

Skip gave a short presentation on the security system. He hopes to lay cable as soon as the ground has thawed in the spring.

Cable Trolley:

Skip assured everyone that it would be erected as soon as ice breaks in the spring.

Web Site:

Joe Greco still has issues with why the web site is down. He was assured that there is nothing Historic Point Basse can do to prevent or decrease downtime. We are at the mercy of the server company. Contact Jim and Diane Nickel and they will contact the company. Jim and Diane check the Historic Point Basse web mail every morning, so if it goes down during the day, they will not know about it until the next morning. Paula Klevene was the only person to contact them that the site was down. By then, the issue had already been reported to the server company.

Heritage Hollyday Review:

Very good turnout. Joe Greco said that not many people came to the school and that all of their hard work was not recognized. A discussion followed on how to get the visitors to the school because of its remote location. Diane Nickel requested that the mouse poison not be put into the house until after Heritage Hollyday. The 2021 Heritage Hollyday will be moved to coincide with Nekoosa's Hometown Christmas. It was suggested that each building create a picture talking opportunity spot. The house went well with lots of visitors. Dawn Baker made drop donuts. Erin Kloslowski demonstrated spinning and Diane Nickel gave tours upstairs.

Ice Harvest:

The ice harvest will be held if the Port Edwards Lions Fisheree is held. If they cancel, Historic Point Basse will also cancel the ice harvest.



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Winter Feast Update:

The menu has been chosen. The band has been signed. A sign-up sheet for tickets was passed around. Tickets have been printed. Jim Nickel is making a rolling pin and John will have either one or two bowls for the basket area. The baskets are complete. The center pieces will be the same as last year. This year we will not be giving away the center pieces. We will save them for next year. We need two more dish washers and some people to set tables.

Annual Meeting:

Mike Hittner is in charge of cookies and refreshments. The room has been reserved. It will be at the Charles and Jo Ann Lester Library in Nekoosa. The guest speaker has also been confirmed.

2020 Goals:

- Ken Hartje would like handicap ramps added to each building.
- Advertisement: WAOW Calendar of Events, WSAW Calendar of Events, WJFW Calendar of Events, Discover Wisconsin, Central Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, Wisconsin Rapids Chamber of Commerce, Domtar marquee, Historic Point Basse web site, e-mail to members to share on their Facebook account, McMillan Library Calendar, WFHR radio, Wisconsin Rapids Community Media, posters, yearly event flyers, Wisconsin Rapids City Times. Any other suggestions, please let Jim and Diane Nickel know.

Sponsors/Donations:

A discussion about the letter written by Larry Knutson and updated by Diane Nickel requesting donations and help. Once the letter is finalized, Don Matthews will take it to the board.

Historic Point Basse Festival Vendor Contract:

The vendor contract was discussed and Don Matthews will take it to the board.

Citizens Meeting Secretary
Diane Nickel

Follow-up items:

Spirit Walk:

House - leave one window un-shuttered so they know they can enter.

Last stop should be an upbeat theme and not a downer

All staff stop at pavilion and check out so we know everyone is off of the grounds

By creek. Rope off area by the creek so nobody can back into the creek

Glow sticks on tent lines

Red lanterns - tiki torch inserts in hollowed out logs. (open flame?) - LED Lanterns - replace main ones

Provide Flashlights for tail guides

Popcorn by fire at the pavilion

Camera wire