



Citizens Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2020

**Present:** Ken Hartje, Doreen Hartje, Paula Klevene, Skip Johnson, Larry Knutson, Diane Nickel, Jim Nickel, Joe Greco, Helen Legare, John Huilman, Don Matthews, Mike Hittner.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

**Minutes:**

Motion to accept February meeting minutes was made by Ken Hartje and seconded by Helen Legare. All approved.

Larry made an announcement that all matters to be discussed need to be pre-approved by Don, Mike, or Larry before they go on the agenda. Under other items of interest. Other items can be brought up to address critical issues or reports regarding previous minutes.

**Winter Feast Review:**

This was our second best year. The basket raffle went over well and so did the silent auction. There needs to be some shifts in the kitchen, bring a stool if needed. Someone needs to keep an eye on the food line. Need more vegetarian items. Discussed some possible food items for next year. A meeting of all feast workers is being organized to review the Winter Feast for ideas for next year. There could be a runner between the kitchen and the food line. Setting out all of the hors d'oeuvres and desserts worked well. There needs to be a stacking area for the dirty dishes. Have a bucket or some sort of container to empty the liquid contents into. A special thank you to Wittenberg 4 H group, Girl Scout group, HCE Club 51, Piano Students, and all who waited on tables. Everyone did a great job. Having the waiters and waitresses eat a intervals worked out great. We will do this again next year.

**Sugar Bush:**

Joe will be in the cabin. Ken will be in the blacksmith shop. Larry will be in the bunk house. Skip will be in the barn. Dawn will be in the house. Doreen will be in the school. Diane will check on getting someone for the gate. Joe will check with John Huilman jr. on taking pictures. It was suggested that maybe we could get a group like the 4-H to take pictures at all of the events or the Nekoosa High School photography class. Diane will check into this. Don will donate one quart of maple syrup for the house. The house will be making pancakes.

**Visitor Center Update: (and construction projects)**

Joe and Ken gave Don some contact information for contractors. Tom gave Don a contact for an architect to complete the plans that were drawn up by Golden Eagle. Don wants plans completed in it's entirety, including wiring etc and shelved until sponsorship or funding is acquired. He is still looking at plans and ideas from everyone. He hopes to get sponsorship for 2 to 3 years. If this does not happen then we will look at building a downsized version. The Saratoga building inspector is very upbeat and has given Don lots of ideas. Larry stressed that Historic Point Basse will not borrow money for this project.

A Legacy Fund was suggested for inheritance money to only use the interest it gains each year.

This year's projects will be a roof for the cabin and repairs, ramp for school house, and poles put in place for the picnic table area. The picnic table area is scheduled for completion in 2021.

A five year plan was brought up again. Don will be taking this to the board meeting.



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**Board Meeting Update:**

Don is looking at Monday or Wednesday in late March. It will be a closed meeting. Larry may bring citizens concerns to the meeting.

**Other Matters of Interest:**

Mike mentioned that Tom has found an original dutch oven (which we consider a reflector oven) in Janesville. Tom was given permission to purchase it.

Don was given some information from Joe about the button class and the Historical Re-Enactor's Guild 2020 fall Gathering. This will be put on the Point Basse Web site.

Ken mentioned that Historic Point Basse will be getting 300 railroad ties.

We are still looking for telephone poles. Contact Larry, Don or Mike.

A bread oven construction was brought up. Diane will check with Bob to see what kind of plans he has for a bread oven construction, cost and what help he will need. A smokehouse probably has a higher priority. Larry mentioned that there is a site that has a smokehouse with a bread oven on the backside. This will be looked into by Larry.

Paula reported that a raffle license and a Charitable Organization Business License has been obtained. She completed the tax exempt paperwork for the Domtar land. It needs to be redone every two years. Mike is checking with a tax person to see if this is correct.

This year we have 8 school groups for spring and 1 for next fall. We are still short a few school groups this year. If you have ideas of school groups, please let Doreen know.

Ken made a motion and seconded by Joe to have a membership list published for the annual meeting in April. Motion carried.

The United Way Volunteer Breakfast will be April 21st. Historic Point Basse will honor Doreen and Ken Hartje and Julie Stoffel for their work with the School Group Program.

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

Winter Feast Update Meeting