



Citizens Meeting Minutes
November 02, 2021

Those in attendance: Jim Nickel, Diane Nickel, Larry Knutson, Ken Hartje, Doreen Hartje, Paula Klevene, Vito Giardino, Joe Greco and Joni Wolf.

Minutes of the October 05, 2021 Meeting: Ken Hartje made a motion to accept the minutes printed. Seconded by Jim Nickel. Discussion followed. Paul noted that Ann Rozner's name be replaced with Ann (Tom's daughter). Motion carried.

Spirit Walk: There were over 200 visitors on the first night and over 150 visitors on the second night. The spirits need to shorten their talks to less than five minutes. Discussed the possibility of someone walking around and talking with the visitors if there is a backlog. The guide or tail guide could also talk with the visitors. Vito suggested that they have the spirits to practice their talk in front of someone before the spirit walk so it can be critiqued. Larry suggested meeting with everyone on the first night for a pre-meeting to explain the list of rules. We need better matching of the spirit and where they are going to present. Some groups did not have tail guides.

School Groups: Personal choice for the presenters to wear a mask unless the school demands it. October 13 there will be 25 students. Oct 14 there will be 40 to 50 students. Oct 20 there will be 90 students. Leave the tent up until after October. This was the first year that we had a home school group. It was very well received. That were only five groups in the fall.

2022 School Groups: We need to make sure that we have adequate staffing. Judy Steinert would like to work for school groups in the house. Linda Reber would like to help with games. Barb Kleifgen would like to be a coordinator. Anyone wishing to help with school groups, give Doreen Hartje a call.

Heritage Hollyday: Ken Hartje will be in the blacksmith shop. Tom Brehmer will probably be in the cabin. Larry Knutson will be in the bunkhouse. Paula Klevene and Doreen Hartje will contact someone to be in the school. Diane Nickel will make sure that someone is in the house. Not sure about the three-bay shed.

Trekker's Group: The encampment went well this year. Joe will be changing the date to be the first weekend in October in the future. He would also like to have the event posted on the web site under other events. He would also like it added to the events calendar that is handed out.

Winter Parades: The Nekoosa parade is December 4, 2021 starting at 5:15pm. The Wisconsin Rapids Parade is November 24, 2021 from 5:45pm to 7:30pm. Vito Giardino is willing to drive. Jim and Diane Nickel will get the signs to the Monday group that will be put on the trailer. There will be no candy and costumers are required.

Membership Form: Paula Klevene mentioned that the wording in the membership cover letter "so your membership or donation is tax exempt", should be changed to read "so your donation is tax deductible". There is a list for each event that has the names and location of where members would like to work. Make sure to contact the people that signed up to work at a particular event.

Passport: There was a discussion about a passport at events with a prize for those that had a stamp from all of the buildings. Larry Knutson suggested the passport have a map of the grounds including the buildings.

Event Gate: Discussed the possibility of moving the event gate to the pole shed. The guest book would be located in the house.



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Cell Phone: The cell phone has been transferred from Bonnie Wolslegel's account over to Cell-Com. The cost will be \$100.00 a year or 666 minutes. If we run out of minutes before November 2022, we would pay another \$100.00 and then the year would start from that date. The 666 minutes should last the year. This comes out to about \$8.33 per month.

Walking Trail: Larry would like to name the trails after the founders of Historic Point Basse. He will take this to the board.

Historic Point Basse Book: An email was received from the home school group that reads as follows:
Hello!

My name is Amy and after our homeschool fieldtrip to Wakely last week, I am again motivated to reach out...

I believe I've been in touch about this before, but have not made any progress trying to locate a copy of your book "The Wakely's, Point Basse and Wisconsin as they knew it". As I understand, you are no longer selling or printing this book, but is there any chance you have an extra copy that you may be willing to sell? We promise it will be put to good use in our homeschool.

We have lovingly checked out the tattered copy from McMillan many times and would really like to have our own. We have an special interest in local history and would like to study the state from this local perspective.

Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Amy Eichsteadt

Jim Nickel will forward this email to Doreen Hartje and she will pursue this matter. A discussion followed. Do we want to print this book again? Should we put a copy of this book in the Nekoosa Library?

Next Meeting: December 7, 2021 at the Nekoosa Library.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Jim Nickel and seconded by Paula Klevene. Motion carried.
Minutes recorded by Secretary Diane Nickel