

GORDON-WASCOTT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

FRIDAY MARCH 3rd, 2023

ZOOM/PHONE

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order by President Jan Jenson.
Present: Jan Jenson (President), Doug MacDonald (Vice President), Barb Fiandt (Treasurer), Becky Keith (Secretary), Brian Finstad (Historian), Lisa Hall (Museum Supervisor).
- 2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3rd 2023 MEETING MINUTES:** Barb Fiandt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Becky Keith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 3. TREASURERS REPORT:** Barb states GWHS is in a good place financially. Reports attached. Discussion ensued about setting up a separate account for the Trading Post Site fund. Barb and Jan will take care of this. Barb has another \$1500 check to be added to the account. Brian Finstad made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Becky Keith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 4. HISTORIANS REPORT:** Brian Finstad was contacted by the Duluth News Tribune regarding doing an interview on Antoine Gordon and the Stage Coach Route. Brian is sharing much of our Gordon history with the Dairyland History Group on Facebook. Dairyland was also part of the original town of Gordon and Brian states many of our pictures are from Dairyland.

Lisa is working on adding them to our website. Brian discussed the Gibson Cabin on the St Croix and a family friend of Gibson's who has done extensive research on the cabin. Brian is hopeful this person may be interested in doing a presentation on the cabin. Discussion also ensued about creating a "Welcome to Gordon" sign. Judy Weber has been approached as the area to be used for the sign belongs to her. Hopefully Kate Perry will help! Jan made a motion we donate \$50 towards a bid if it is ordered through the Friends of the Bird Sanctuary. The motion was seconded by Doug. The motion carried.

5. **GIFT SHOP COORDINATORS REPORT:** Susan not present.

6. **MUSEUM COMMITTEE CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS REPORT:** Lisa is working hard on our website and it is looking very professional. Lisa will be adding more information as time allows; including how to become a member. Barb and Lisa have posted help wanted Adds on numerous sites. Barb has suggested we increase the pay to those who are returning to the position. This will be Heidi's third year and Rick and Tae's second year. We certainly appreciate those willing to help. Barb Fiandt made a motion to increase the wages and it was seconded by Doug MacDonald. The motion carried. *Increase to \$12/hr.*

7. **UPDATE ON TRADING POST PROJECT:** The pre-application has been submitted on the Trading Post Marker and approved. It is not at the point of finalizing the information. Brian is working on the verbiage. Brian states it is a long process and he is doing what he can do get it on a fast track. Jan did get the \$5000 grant she applied for....(Jan you are amazing!!) There is now \$7500 waiting for the project. A condition of the grant is that it must be used by December 15, 2023. Jan suggests we set up a Trading post Committee. Barb Fiandt, Becky Keith, Brian Finstad, Lisa Hall and Doug MacDonald volunteered to be on the committee to work on the site. Brian states that vehicles have been encroaching on the property line. We have posts that the Friends of the Bird Sanctuary donated to us. We will meet April 8th at 2pm to talk about this idea and others. Jan made a motion to create a separate bank account and Doug seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. **EXTERIOR MUSEUM WORK UPDATE AND FUTURE PROJECTS:** Needed on the Museum is more caulking on the deck and bay window and a touch up on the fascia. It was suggested a screen door would be nice. There is some wood rot on the corners of soffits and some on the bell tower. We will check with Luke to see if he can repair it.

9. **SCHEDULE 2023 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS INCLUDING CELEBRATION OF GWHS'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY:** On hold due to time

10. **REVIEW OF GORDON- WASCOTT HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE:** Lisa has done an

awesome job on the website! It is up and running. She said PayPal is working thus people can make membership or other donations online. Lisa is working on a calendar of events. Jan made a motion to proceed with the website and Doug seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 11. UPDATE ON POSSIBLE DONATION OF POST OFFICE TO GWHS:** Doug will talk to Joy Rogers on what is entailed with a deed transfer. Both Brian and Doug will talk to the man who is donating the Post Office. There are still numerous questions to be explored before a decision is made on this topic.
- 12. UPDATE ON PUT-PUT DONATION AND ATCS TRACKING SYSTEM:** On hold due to time constraint.
- 13. OTHER BUSINESS:** On hold due to time constraint.
- 14. NEXT MEETING (ANNUAL MEETING)-** Friday June 2nd, 6PM Gordon Town Hall.
- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** Jan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Becky. The motion carried.