

GORDON-WASCOTT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGENDA

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND, 2022

GORDON TOWN HALL

1. Call to order/roll call

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Jenson. Present were President Jan Jenson, Treasurer Barb Fiandt, Secretary Becky Keith, Board members Laura Urban and guests Rick Scott, Tay Ramsey, Lisa Hall

(Museum Supervisor.) Absent was vice president Doug MacDonald.

2. Approval of September 2nd 2022 Minutes

Barb made a motion to approve the minutes, Laura seconded the motion. Because of a lack of quorum the meetings were passed in totality via email within the following week.

3. Treasures Report- Barb Fiandt

Barb reports all the work that has been done on the Whalen building has been paid for. We are very satisfied with the results. There are painting supplies ready for next year. Discussion ensued again about the internet for both the buildings. Conversation was had with Stephanie about the town of Gordon allowing us to access their Wi-Fi but this was not agreed upon. We will check into the possibility of using Astria, as some town members are using it and are happy with the services. Becky made a motion to approve the Treasures Report and Laura seconded it. Again, due to a lack of quorum, the motion was passed in totality the following week.

4. 2023 Proposed Budget Presentation and Approval- Barb

A check was received for \$1,000.00 from an anonymous donor to be used for anything necessary. We discussed a separate savings account for the Trading Post /Park Project; however this project is already included in next year's budget. The GWHS is in a positive place financially. Becky made a motion to approve the proposed budget and it was seconded by Barb. It was passed in totality within the next week.

5. Historians Report- Brian

Brian was unable to be present at this meeting.

6. Gift Shop Coordinators Report-Susan

Susan was unable to be present at this meeting.

7. Museum Committee Chair and Supervisors Report- Barb and Lisa

More info at March Meeting

8. Exterior Museum Work Update and Future Projects- Brian

Brian unable to be present

9. Update on Possible Donation of Post Office

Numerous questions were posed over the financial responsibility and liability potential of acquiring/accepting the “donation” of the Post Office is in the best interest of GWHS. Suggestions include subdividing it or renting out the back part of the building. More information is needed before a decision can be made on this commitment.

10. Update on Putt Putt Donation and ATCS Tracking system- Rick

The Putt- Putt is being stored for the winter by Chris Kivie. It was owned by Great Northern. Rick initiated conversation about the possibilities of coordinating with the Duluth and Spooner Depots, recreating a shed the Putt-Putt can be stored in, linking it to the Cleo sites and the Soo Line Historical site. We talked about putting it on an auction site as a fundraiser. Rick will continue to explore costs for the shed and renovating the Putt-Putt. The ATCS Tracking system is back up and running. Discussion ensued about incorporating the ATCS system with the GWHS to be.

11. Update on Trading Post Project, WHS State Conference, and NW Consortium meetings- Jan

Jan attended the Northwest Consortium in Birchwood to talk about planning coordinated events. They discussed a variety of topics to include Native Americans.

Jan attended the Wisconsin Historical Society meeting in Rothchild where they offered courses on tourism, and presented many ideas on promoting tourism. They offer monthly history chats via zoom with a year planned out at a time. This has encouraged our organization to attempt to consider the same idea of planning out events throughout the year on a calendar on our website. It would include events as our walking tours, cemetery tours, etc.

Jan also applied for a \$7000 grant aimed at projects to persevere history during the 1600-1800 time periods. Thanks Jan for all this time you donate!!

12.Other Business

Rick discussed two other shelving unit, one about 63 inches tall and 13 inches deep and the other about 5 ft by 38 inches and 18 inches deep, both available that would work well in the Whalen House.

Rick and Tay also put together a list of about 10 different ideas/topics for presentation. The subjects included Ricing, Botany, Logging, and other industry here. Evidently Gordon was referred to as "Medicine Country" because of the number of plants that grew here naturally and were used medicinally.

13.Next meeting- March 3rd at 6pm via zoom-

Because of members traveling the next meeting will be held via zoom.

Laura made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Barb seconded the motion. It was passed.