

DE PERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes from the December 14, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

Present	Tom Walsh (President), Mary Ann Schumerth (Vice President), Mary Kay Milquet (Secretary), Dick Smits (Treasurer), Fran Dimmer (immediate past-president), Mike Fleck, Jeanne Guerin, Anne Mattern, Gerry Mattern, Dan Milquet, Brad Nuss, Tony LaLuzerne, Chris Renier, Curators: Laurel Towns, Adam Stueck
Not Present	Doug Sommer, Sally Van de Hei

1. President Tom Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.
2. Secretary Mary Kay Milquet called the roll, which is noted above.
3. Adam Stueck was introduced and the Board then introduced themselves to Adam.
4. Laurel presented her last Curator's report, said good bye and thanked the Board.
5. There was a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion Mike/Seconded. Motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Financial Report: (Dick)
 - Dick submitted the treasurer's report, which was approved. Motion Tony/Seconded. Motion Carried. The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit.
7. Discussed the potential purchase of the property next door to Museum. Chris provided a packet of information regarding the property. The packet included drawings, improvements and potential remodeling and upgrade needs (roof, furnace, hot water heater, etc.). Mike Motion/seconded to pursue the purchase of the building. Mary Kay made a motion to amend the motion by adding "and include the formation of a committee to address the future use of the building." Fran seconded the amendment. Motion reads the De Pere Historical Society should pursue purchase the building next door and a committee be formed to address the future use of the new property. Tom proposed the Executive Committee begin the process of future planning. Tom called the question on the motion of the amendment. The amended motion did not pass.

Original motion to pursue the purchase of the property next door was voted on. Mike Motion/Ann seconded – motion carried. Tom will approach the owners and then the executive committee with the response.

Motion to give the authority to the Executive Committee by the full Board to go up to \$125,000 to purchase the property next door. Motion carried

8. Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: (Tom, Mary Ann, Dick, Mary Kay, Fran)

- Recently hired Adam Stueck as the new Curator.

Building & Grounds/Polo Resto (Fran, Mark, Tony, Mike, Chris, Brad)

- Landscaping done on November 23 by Willems Landscaping. McKay Nursery will assist with a landscaping plan for next spring.
- C&C Electrical called to retrench and replace the wire in the front yard that were chewed by animals.

Historians (Mary Kay, Jeanne, Dan, Joe Seroogy, McKim Boyd)

- The next photo show will probably be in February 2011.

Technology (Mary Kay, Doug, Dan, Tony, Mark)

- Upcoming 2011 events and the online membership forms updated. The online form will retain the current ranges noted on the online membership form.

Long Range Planning & Financial (Dick, Tom, Mary Ann)

- Dick has begun working on the budget for next year. At this time, we are about \$1,800 behind last year's expenses.

Membership (Mary Ann, Mike)

- The membership report is posted on the Board of Directors web page.
- Mary Ann thanked Sally and Doris Leiterman for assisting with the recent membership mailing. 779 letters were mailed the first week of December. 458 individual membership applications were sent out, which included an invitation to renew/join the De Pere Historical Society was the flyer on the background/history of White Pillars Museum. 79 new potential names were provided by Board members and included in this mailing. Also included in this total were membership applications mailed to the City alderpersons and department heads encouraging them to show their community support by their membership.
- 311 Business membership invitations were also mailed.
- Membership totals from November 2010 were 343 Total Members: 16 Lifetime Members, 38 Business Members, 289 Individual Members.

Personnel and Nominating (Tom, Mary Kay, Brad)

- If you have any suggestions to fill a Board position, please send them to Tom.

De Pere "Sister City International" Liaison (Mike F.)

- An informal meeting was held in December.

Programs (Anne, Gerry, Mary Ann, Tony, Sally)

- Ann presented a report on Santa's House. 550 people attended and \$410 were raised. Tom thanked Ann for all her years of service.
- If there is a photo show in February, which is the photo show anniversary month, and we traditionally have refreshments at the end.
- In 2011, remember to change the Santa's House sign to match the hours it is open.

Awards (Tom, Tony, Mike, Brad)

- No report.

Newsletter Committee (Jeanne, Tony, Sally)

- The next newsletter will be published in February.

Brown County Federation of Museums Liaison (Tony)

- BCFM met last week and each group is planning on doing something for the anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Meetings are usually held at 8:00 AM on the first Tuesday of the month. Tony will forward a copy of the BCFM meeting minutes to the Board.

Artifacts Committee (Mary Kay, Sally, Dan, Tony, Fran)

- No report.

9. **Old Business/New Business**

- Discussion regarding the curator.

10. **New Business**

- No new business.

Motion to Adjourn – Motion Sally/Seconded. Motion carried 8:41 PM

The next De Pere Historical Society Board of Directors meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Milquet
De Pere Historical Society Secretary