

MINUTES OF THE
JACKSONPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MARCH 17, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Vicki Bley. Members present were Treasurer Kandie Skippon, Secretary Nancy Bemmann, Trustees Dennis Dietrich, Mitch Honold, Herb Mueller, Judy Cote Patty Birnschein and Program Chair/Historian Eileen Roberts.

AGENDA – No additions to the agenda were made.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thus far Bley has received responses from 30 vendors for Cherry Fest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Motion by Mueller seconded by Honold to approve the minutes of February 16, 2010. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The checkbook balance is \$18,209.63; the Root Cellar Fund has \$2,368.45; and the Museum Fund has \$14,542.89. Motion by Honold seconded by Birnschein to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Site Planning Committee Status – Mueller reviewed a meeting the Committee had with Kay Miller from the Planning Department. There would be complications if two driveways were installed so Tom Maher, who had attended the meeting recommended one driveway. He also explained that the excavating, septic system installation, electricity and a parking lot will cost approximately \$167,000. Maher had suggested pursuing other property however, the Board felt strongly about working with the property already purchased.

JHS will be moving forward with the log cabin and has received a \$10,000 grant from the Raibrook Foundation to cover the cost of the foundation and other parts of the building. Dick Birnschein will call another meeting soon.

- B. Financial Committee Status – No meeting however, the Finance Committee has asked to meet with the Site Planning Committee.
- C. Fire Truck Update – Mueller had been contacted by Tom Ash regarding the old fire truck. Tom indicated that the town wants to know what JHS is planning to do with the truck. Insurance for the vehicle is \$250 per year and right now it's being stored at no cost. The problem is to find a place to put it once a Museum is built. Tom thought we might want to work on the idea for a year or two before making a final decision.

JHS is looking at three things which made Jacksonport what it is today – Farming, Fishing and Lumbering. The fire truck really doesn't fit in with those three topics. Herb is willing to send a letter to the Town Board with our decision on the matter.

Motion by Dietrich seconded by Birnschein to have Mueller send a letter to the Jacksonport Town Board indicating that at this point in time the Jacksonport Historical Society is not financially able to take the fire truck. Motion carried.

- D. Grant Proposal Update - Members have to find a means of looking for grants and it was suggested that perhaps Dawn Honold and Denise Plassmeyer would know how to find those funds.

Mitch will check with Dawn. It was also suggested to look for other bids for the log building foundation.

- E. Annual Meeting Dinner Status – Mr. G's had several suggestions for a dinner and after some discussion it was decided to go with a family style dinner of beef tips and chicken. A price was not determined however the price will have to encompass tax and gratuity.

Birnschein had just attended a dinner where a silent auction was held as well as raffle tickets sold for prizes. She made several suggestions that might work. Mr. G's holds the Door Cancer dinner where most of their money is made by having raffles and auctions. We could also sell tickets for a 50/50 raffle where the proceeds are split in half with ½ going to the ticket holder and ½ to the Historical Society.

Bemmann would like to hold a Christmas Fair the second week of November to sell new and slightly used items that are affordable and part of the theme would be to have items for kids to purchase for their parents at a reasonable price. It all depends on how much she can have completed before then. It may have to wait until next year.

- F. Newsletter Update – Birnschein passed out a sample of the first couple of pages of the newsletter. Board members made suggestions and she will try to get the newsletter out in May. Bemmann and Roberts will go over the mailing labels ASAP to have them ready for the mailing.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Collection Policy/Mission Statement Review – Bley reviewed the Mission Statement with the Board. It was suggested that she remove the words "by means of meeting" and insert the word "through" in its place. Vicki did an excellent job of putting this together.

Motion by Birnschein seconded by Honold to approve the JHS Mission Statement with the changes. Motion carried.

- B. Policy for an Effective Meeting – No discussion held.

- C. Amend/Approve Collection Development Policy and Form – Vicki discussed the Collection Development Policy. She will bring it back one more time for approval.

Items for Next Month's Agenda – Amend/Approve Collection Development Policy and Form.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Honold to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:16 p.m. Recorded by Secretary Nancy Bemmann.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the JHS is educational in nature through the study of the Township of Jacksonport, its history, people, land and buildings. The Society's intent is to promote this education through historical programs, research, publications, commemorative activities, collection of tangible historical memorabilia and to establish a museum to house, exhibit and preserve this material for future generations.