

SAUKVILLE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes for the meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019, 1:15 p.m.

The following members were in attendance at this meeting:

Anne Kertscher, Judy Jacoby, Margo Kraus, Mary Boyle, and Beverly Thielen

New Business:

Anne Kertscher will order a dehumidifier for the Fire House. This appliance should help dry out the air in both front rooms of the museum.

Margo Kraus and Judy Jacoby have been working diligently organizing the upstairs artifacts and collections so that the work of computerizing the collections can begin. It is vital to our collection to know the provenance of these items.

Margo checked with Saukville library concerning the John F Kennedy collection of magazines and newspapers. The library would take the whole collection of magazines but were not interested in any of the newspaper articles concerning the Kennedy assassination.

There are many chairs in the museum and it was proposed that we try to find out if anyone in the community would be interested in some of these chairs before they are removed from the museum. We would be planning to donate the chairs to any interested individuals, but if they would like to make a donation to SAHA we certainly wouldn't turn the donation down. An oxygen tank for animals was also found in the upstairs collections. A veterinarian should be contacted to make sure that the tank is safe to keep in our collection. A call box for fires is part of our collection. It was donated by Harvey Freitag. One of our best artifacts is our pumper truck.

The Jim and John Peterson collection at the Saukville library was discussed. Many of the photos in this collection are missing provenance. Without dates, names and historical information, the collection is very limiting in historical importance. It was suggested that we should try to encourage the Saukville library to work with us in documenting the collections on display in the library. With missing names, dates, etc. the collection has very little historical value.

A B anner is posted for Amazon Prime Day. As a non-profit we benefit from Amazon purchases made at Amazon.

Rescarta Photo Collection website has posted some of the river history photos. Saukville Area Historical Society is working with the river history committee from Riveredge to document the river history. Ezra and Patricia are interns sponsored by Riveredge Nature Center who are working with SAHA to locate and post river history photos from the communities bordering the Milwaukee River. This is an on going project with more information to follow this Fall.

A county wide historical society seminar was held discussing the value of provenance by Jean Stienke. It was suggested that we try to repeat this seminar so that our members become more informed about the importance of historical information.

The meeting was adjourned by our president Anne Kertscher at 1:45 p.m.