

## **SAUKVILLE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Minutes for the meeting held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.**

**The meeting was called to order by our president, Anne Kertscher at the Saukville Crossroads Firehouse Museum.**

**The following members were in attendance at this meeting:**

**Anne Kertscher, Nola Scherer-Luft, Judie Jacoby, Nancy Byers, Sally Kupkovits, Mary Boyle, John Thielen and Beverly Thielen.**

**Our focus for this meeting was to review and discuss the SAHS ideas handout prepared by Nancy Byers at our last meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021.**

**The first agenda item concerned membership and how to increase our active membership numbers. Some changes have been addressed to encourage more community participation:**

- 1. Move our monthly Monday meetings to early evening to accommodate people working who are interested in participating in SAHS. A motion was made by Mary Boyle that we change our monthly meetings to every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Beverly Thielen. The motion passed.**
- 2. Judie Jacoby suggested that we continue meeting throughout the calendar year. In the past, we postponed our January, February, and March meeting because the Firehouse Museum was not conducive to meeting during those months. Judie volunteered to find out if the library is available for the months of January February and March so SAHS' work could continue during the entire year.**

**Our next agenda item addressed the need to keep our community more informed about SAHS. Some proposals are as follows:**

- 1. Pairing community groups increases community knowledge and participation. Anne Kertscher will contact River Edge nature center to begin pairing activities of the two groups.**
- 2. The Village board meets every first and third Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Sally Kupkovits and Nola Scherer-Luft have volunteered to attend the village meeting on July 6 at 8:00 p.m. SAHS is looking to be on the agenda at each village meeting, so we can inform the board of SAHS' on-going activities. Anne Kertscher and Mary Boyle will also be in attendance. Our goal is to have a continuing presence at each village board meeting.**
- 3. It was suggested that a Tri-fold flyer be prepared to make the community aware of our organization, its mission, its activities, and other pertinent information. Judie Jacoby made a motion that Mary Boyle prepare this flyer. Nola Scherer-Luft seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mary Boyle will have 500 Tri-fold flyers printed and ready for distribution at our July monthly meeting.**
- 4. A suggestion was made that we highlight our village leaders with a poster board featuring their family's history in the Saukville community. We could devise a standard interview outline. The interview and the leaders' photos could be displayed in the Oscar Grady library so the community would begin to know the village leaders' historical connection to Saukville. The poster could be headlined with DID YOU KNOW? and changed each month to feature another elected official. This information could then later be archived at the Firehouse Museum.**

5. The SAHS website has been somewhat revamped and social media addressed to further update our exposure in the community.

The next agenda item was to address community participation and awareness. The following suggestions were presented:

1. Sally Kupkovits has addressed the cookie sale for the week before Thanksgiving. She also proposed that we coordinate our sale with the Landt-Thiel craft fair. She suggested that we could again make Christmas wrapping paper, etc. available at that time.
2. At two of the Saukville Sunday Farmers' Markets, Anne Kertscher and Donna D'Angelo will make fry bread available at the Firehouse Museum. A suggestion was made that we have a table at the market with tri-fold flyers, perhaps newly silk screened T-shirts featuring SAHS, and 1930 desserts with the recipes and desserts available for purchase.
3. The Crossroads Rendezvous event for 2022 was discussed. Mary Boyle is willing to spearhead this event, but she will need member support and involvement to make it possible.
4. A suggestion was made that we plan a Fire Prevention event at the Firehouse for the local primary children. The vintage fire equipment could be displayed. A fire fighter could do a brief talk about fire safety and display the equipment used. The children could color a fire prevention poster. We could ask Firehouse subs to provide a fire hat for each child participating in this event. We could limit this event to the local primary Saukville children.

The next agenda item was to address archiving and cataloging procedures. The following suggestions were presented:

1. Sally Kupkovits will investigate the use of Past Perfect by the Ozaukee History Coop.
2. A suggestion was made that we ask members of the Ozaukee History Coop to come and train us in their archiving and data collection procedures.

A motion was made by Judie Jacoby and seconded by Nola Scherer-Luft to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Thielen, recording secretary