

## **SAUKVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Minutes for the meeting held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:35 p.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:**

**Nola Scherer-Luft, Anne Kertscher, Donna D'Angelo, Nancy Byers, Margo Kraus, Sally Kupkovits, Mary Boyle, John Thielen and Beverly Thielen.**

**A motion was made by Donna D'Angelo and seconded by Margo Kraus to accept the minutes. The motion carried.**

**The treasurer's report was similar to July's report. A motion was made by Nancy Byers and seconded by Sally Kupkovits to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

### **AGENDA:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**River History Day is planned for October 16, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Saukville Historical Society and River Edge Nature center are collaborating on this event.**

**Since our event, River History Day, was our top priority, our meeting focus was preparing and planning for this event. The three choices for the brochure cover were discussed. Each one had possibilities, but we decided to revise the cover, designing a new cover with more clarity, less clutter, and more visual recognition to address where and who we are. Nancy Byers was asked to design this brochure cover for the River History Day event using elements from each of the brochures. We also decided that a color brochure would be more eye catching to advertise this event.**

**We discussed the introduction of a wall mural at the River History Day event. Nola brought in photos of wall art produced by the Wall Dawgs in Plymouth. It was noted that many communities have participated in Wall art depicting the history of that particular community. It was suggested that we involve high school students in designing the wall art. The possibility of including local people in the mural might bring even more interest to this art activity. Involving the community in the actual painting of the mural, might provide even more exposure to the Crossroads Firehouse Museum since the mural would be located on the exterior wall of the firehouse.**

The following are the eight stations for the River History Day event:

Shoreline Clean-Up

DPW presentation (Department of Public Works)

Fry bread (sugar and cinnamon)

Firetruck and Pumper display

River History Walk--life size photos and slide show

Buffalo Burgers tent

Kettle corn tent

Historical re-enactment

A research and conservation technician from River Edge nature center will be available for this presentation on Shoreline Clean-Up.

Dan Helm, DPW for Saukville will discuss drain water effect on the Milwaukee River and catch basin with appropriate props to show how run-off effects the quality of the river.

Anne Kertscher and Donna D'Angelo will be making cinnamon sugar fry bread from 10 to 3.

Donna D'Angelo will check with her son-in-law to get the firetruck working so it can be located in front of the museum for that day.

Anne Kertscher will check on the slide show and life size photos.

Donna D'Angelo will check on the buffalo burgers. Who will provide them and who will fry them?

Nola Scherer-Luft will check at the farmers' market in West Bend with the vendor making and selling kettle corn.

Donna D'Angelo and Nola Scherer will contact Randy Miller for the re-enactment presentation.

THE DATE TO FINALIZE THE EVENT PREPARATIONS WAS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:**

Justin of BGU builders provided a quote of \$7500 to improve/repair the upstairs. Since we are entertaining the idea of keeping our museum collection downstairs, we decided to put the repair/improve project on "hold". If the collection is kept downstairs, the items would be more accessible for setting up displays and doing research. Since there was a concern for the integrity of the electrical wiring, Sally Kupkovits volunteered to contact her relative, Cory Dimmer to check out the system.

A motion was made by Donna D'Angelo to cancel the cookie sale and the sale of holiday decorations, etc. Beverly Thielen seconded the motion. The motion carried. Nola, Anne and Donna will be packing up the holiday wrapping items. This will free up our shelving for our museum collection.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A motion was made by Anne Kertscher and seconded by Nola Scherer-Luft to change the name from Saukville Area Historical Society to Saukville Historical Society. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Mary Boyle and seconded by John Thielen to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Beverly Thielen, recording secretary**