

Citizens Meeting
July 3, 2018



Present: Larry Knutson, Barb Kleifgen, Don Matthews, Paula Klevene, Doreen Hartje, Rhonnie Saling, Diane Nickel, Kathy Albert, Jim Nickel, Johann Huilman.

Baseball: Barb asked if there could be an old fashioned baseball game. It was tabled to another meeting.

Facebook: There was a discussion on Historic Point Basse Facebook pages. They would like to have three Facebook pages set up. One for Volunteers, Public and Teachers. Paula, Doreen and AJ will be setting these up. Paula will contact Dana Rice about the current Facebook page.

Web Page: Doreen and Paula will be contacting Jim and Diane about information to update the school groups and Master Gardeners web pages.

Pioneer Fest: Recap of the Pioneer Fest. Paula reported a profit of \$1,293.97. Kathy reported that there was a slow but steady crowd flow at Ma Wakely's Kitchen. It was asked if we could organize a class reunion for anyone that attended the Columbia School. There was a question about where to pay because some visitors were confused. Don noted that there was not enough signage regarding where to purchase tickets. It was thought that a visitors center would take care of this confusion. It was suggested that the time be shortened by one hour.

Event Coordinator: It was suggested that there be an event coordinator for each event. This person would be responsible to make sure that all sites have adequate interpreters or helpers available. Each site would then know who they will be having. If any issues occurred during the event, that person would be responsible on solving them. There was a discussion of a job description being written up so that all events would follow the same routine and avoid confusion. Doreen was listed as a contact for the school, Diane for the house, Larry for the bunkhouse, Don for the three bay shed. Other sites to be determined at a later date. Tabled to go over a job description write-up.

School Groups: An evaluation meeting was held concerning this year's school groups. They took in \$3,045. There were 638 people with 519 of those being students. Rates are \$6 for a full day and \$3 for a half day. Contracts were made for a lesser price and that price was honored but explained to the teachers of the price for next year. We lost three schools and gained two new schools.

Site Usage: Larry suggested having Scouts use the site for campouts. What would be the cost for this usage? Question came up about whether our insurance would cover such an event. Prices to be discussed at another meeting. A question was also raised on weddings. More information on that when Mike returns from vacation.

House: The beam under the house was looked at on July 2, 2018 and Don was pleasantly surprised at the condition of the basement. One beam that was bad now looks good. There is one beam that is half rotten and needs to be replaced. The beam will be replaced on July 16, 2018 and possibly adding another beam. There will be a hand rail added to the steps leading into the basement. The basement could be used then as interpretation in the future as a root cellar. The roof is still be considered to be replaced this year.

Miss Wisconsin: Miss Wisconsin sent an e-mail to Historic Point Basse asking if she could appear at one of our events. Two possible events were suggested, Who Duunnit? and Harvest Fair. Harvest Fair was the best event for her to appear. A tent could be assigned for her. Jim will reply to her e-mail to see if that will work into her schedule.

Monday Work Group: Larry pointed out that the Monday work group is getting on in age and that some of things that need to be done may have to be contracted out. There are four or five members and there is more work than they can handle. He suggested getting some corporate sponsors for funding that would be used to hire

things to get done. Don suggested contacting Incourage for some help and to have board members contact corporations for sponsorship.

Visitor Center: Don suggested using the Stella Michals fund to be used to build a visitors center. Members were in agreement. Larry pointed out that Bonnie Wolslegel may be able to get Golden Eagle to donate a visitors center and then the Stella Michals fund could be used to complete the building with the electrical, plumbing and other items to complete the building. It was tabled for another meeting.

Road: There has been a suggestion to put in a road from the new parking lot east of the school to County Road Z. Don and Diane pointed out that we would lose the built-in neighborhood watch of the people on Wakely Road. Tabled to another meeting.

Domtar Land: Craig Timm and Mike are on vacation and a meeting will be held after they return from vacation.

Filming: Diane asked if anyone would be interested in appearing on the monthly broadcast of Historic Point Basse Update. Filming is done the second Tuesday of every month and used to promote Historic Point Basse. Larry said that he would be willing to appear on the July update broadcast.

Hiking Trails: On July 2, 2018 the Monday crew walked the trails to see what needed to be done to get them back into shape. There are a few areas that need a lot of help. Don has offered the use of his John Deere tractor to be used to clear logs, brush and whatever from the trails. Larry suggested that on the cleared area just south of the school, that we leave the brush and logs to represent how settlers would have cleared the land and what it would look like after logging.

Karen Stewart: A get well card was passed around and signed for Karen.

Citizens Meeting Secretary - Diane Nickel