

WESTMENN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, September 14, 2019

R. M. of Morris Council Chambers

Morris, Manitoba

10:00 – 11:45

Present: Lawrence Klippenstein, Graham Schellenberg, John Giesbrecht, Albert Falk, Jake Peters, Eleanor Chornoboy

Regrets: Peter Priess, Sean Goerzen, Andrew Brown, Pam Klassen Dueck

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair, Lawrence Klippenstein
2. In the interest of time, and because several of the attendants wished to attend *Darp Day* in Neubergthal, a few reports and documents were provided and not discussed in detail at the meeting. They are attached in the email. They are:
 - a. *Report on This and That Historical* – Lawrence Klippenstein
 - b. *Survey of WestMenn Historical Committee Projects in Progress* – Lawrence Klippenstein
3. Minutes of the May 11, 2019 meeting were read.
Motion: Eleanor Chornoboy, John Giesbrecht that the minutes be accepted.
Carried.
4. Review of agenda. The order of the agenda was amended to address the membership and elections as the first order of business.
5. Elections and membership
 - a. John Giesbrecht, Peter Priess, Pam Klassen Dueck, Andrew Brown, Sean Goerzen, Graham Schellenberg all have a year remaining in their two year term.
 - b. Albert Falk, Lawrence Klippenstein, Jake Peters, Eleanor Chornoboy agreed to staying on the board for another two-year term. Jake indicated that he was prepared to sign up for at least one year.
 - c. Both Lawrence and Eleanor advised the meeting that they wish to stay on the board, but will not stay on as Chair and secretary respectively.

- d. Nominations were opened for 3 positions: Chair, secretary and treasurer (it was agreed that the treasurer was not a huge task, but important to done well).
 - e. Graham Schellenberg accepted the nomination to be Chair
 - f. Albert Falk accepted the nomination to be treasurer and would act as secretary as required
 - g. The secretary role will be determined at the next meeting.
6. Report & discussion on the WR atlas report - Albert Falk
 - a. Albert reported that he'd met with Sean in July. They plan to purchase software at a later date when the committee has time to work on the project
 - b. The committee is still looking for people to report on villages.
 - c. Sean is working on Edenburg and Reinland; Graham is working on Alt Bergthal and Lichtfeld; more people are working on other districts, but many communities still need to be assigned.
 7. Report & discussion on Altbergthal project - Graham Schellenberg
 - a. Graham reported that the committee had met on June 22, 2019 at Martha's home to work on the Alt Bergthal/Lichtfeld project
 - b. Lori Penner had published an article on the project in the Echo
 8. Bike trail tour - Albert Falk
 - a. 6 bikers (5 from the local club and 1 guest) rode the 90+ Post Road Trail on July 20, 2019
 - b. Abe Ens had provided a tour of the heritage farm in Reinland
 - c. The bikers had a vehicle at Stanley Park and one at Fort Dufferin
 - d. Albert advised the meeting that they needed help with logistics at the start and end of the ride.
 - e. He indicated that they would be willing to do it again.
 9. Genealogy workshop - Lawrence Klippenstein
 - a. At this point there is no action on a Winkler genealogy workshop
 - b. Randy Rietze and Ed Falk may be interested
 - c. Gary Bueckert may also be interested.
 - d. Lawrence made the point that Dr. Glenn Penner who volunteers at the Mennonite Heritage Archives is very active in writing, researching and presenting on his work in genealogy, and specifically in DNA genealogy
 10. Request for funding Mennonite Photography project – Eleanor

- a. Susie Fisher had met with Jake Peters (EastMenn) and Eleanor to discuss a project that features 4 Mennonite photographers – P. Hamm, Klippenstein, Johann Funk (Schönwiese) and H. D. Fast 1894-1978 (Steinbach).
 - b. They have received some donations, but require an additional \$6,000.00.
 - c. The end project will be a coffee table book, featuring the work of each of the photographers.
 - d. Eleanor will invite Susie to the next meeting to make a presentation.
- 11. Other :** Fort Dufferin and the Post Road:
- a. Fort Dufferin has asked that a permanent plaque be prepared on the Mennonite arrival at Fort Dufferin in 1874
 - b. There was discussion of working with the Emerson Committee that is also working on the Post Road. Their desire is to establish a section of Posts along the Post Road, but the challenge is to get permission to install posts
 - c. This is a topic for further discussion
- 12.**Date for next meeting and place will be determined by the new executive.
- 13.**Adjournment