

Minutes of The Windsor-Severance Historical Society October 25, 2021

The Windsor-Severance Historical Society met in person on Monday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Kristie Melendez, Sue Buxmann, Dan Meyers, Ruth Brunner, Marcia Will-Clifton, Laura Browarny, and Judy Firestien.

Call to Order - Kristie Melendez called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Monthly Reports/Approvals

September Minutes - The Minutes from the previous meeting on September 27, 2021 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Kristie reported the balance in checking is \$6,201.62, savings balance is \$20,197.24 and the CD balance is \$3,320.41. The totals reflected a deposit from Extraction Oil of \$2,601.11 and another royalty payment of \$114.48 was also deposited. Check number 2482 was written to Bethel on September 22 for \$150, but they had not received it yet. Kristie would check again. Payments for membership had been made to the Severance Chamber (\$105) and it is time to renew the membership with the Windsor Chamber (\$225). Kristie also reached out to PDC Energy and they sent a logo to be used on the invitation and assured Kristie the check was coming.

Membership Status/Update – Sue didn't have anything new to report on membership.

Old Business

Update from Town – Laura reported she is working with the exhibit designer person and will have six video clips, 3-5 minutes long, that will run on the old tv during the event. Subtitles will be included with the videos also. Clips will include Delores Hergert (Severance), Ruth Firestien (Bracewell), the Firettes, Larry Jacoby, and Ed Starck. These can be changed out over time; and more rotated every few months. There was some discussion about moving videos to the WSHS YouTube channel. Laura will look into YouTube options.

History Appreciation Event – November 7, 2-5 p.m.

1. *Invitations* - Kristie ordered 100 postcard invitations and about 70-75 were mailed out. Postcards would be at the Museum also.
2. *Rack Card of Video List* – Kristie will email a proof to the Board and cards will be completed.
3. *Food and Beverage* – Kristie reached out to Jason Schaeffer. He will provide food from the Hearth. After some discussion, attendees were estimated to be 100 people with a dollar amount to be spent of \$500 to \$750. Set up would also be included. It would be nice to have someone in town do this and refreshments should be worthy of all the planning and importance of the event. Kristie would forward quote information to the Board. Marcia had reached out to some wineries but either did not receive a response or were told they were not making donations. Kristie would pick up box wines, water, and other beverages from Costco.
4. *Timeline Banner* – Kristie will also send a proof for the banner for Board review.
5. *Photographer* – Don Reichert will be at the event the entire time for \$80 and will take photos of the event and a group photo of interviewees.
6. *Press Release* – The Windsor Chamber and the Town received information and the Germans

from Russia group and others shared information on Facebook, etc. to get the word out. Kristie will share with the Severance Chamber also.

Set up will start about 1:00 p.m. for the event. Brochures will be available along with the Windsor history book for sale. Sue also had copies of the *Tales of Tailholt* book and that would be available for people to sign up to order one for \$30. Dan mentioned letting the family know. Laura would provide a form for donating a book; giving the rights to reproduce and sell the book that Dan could get signed. Donations could be accepted for the book.

This could become an annual event for the Society and could be built on each year.

New Business

WSHS Video – Kristie will follow up with Dave Bruen/Bruen Media.

WSHS YouTube Channel – The YouTube Channel is completed and connected to the WSHS website. Videos will be downloaded.

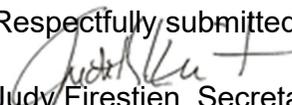
October 30 – Town Halloween Carnival - The Town Halloween Carnival will be on Saturday from 1 to 4 (October 30). Debbie Baker has offered to volunteer to have a table for the WSHS and it will be manned by Debbie and her grand kids. Kristie will drop off the table, banner and brochures ahead of time along with some large bags of candy to be given out. It will be nice to have a presence at the event.

Windsor Wonderland - Windsor Wonderland will be held on Saturday, December 4th, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is an “Elf on the Shelf” program that the Society has participated in with the elves hidden around the Museum. The Society has done check in for the program and given out a little prize to the kids as they find the elves. Elves may need to be reordered. Volunteers would be needed over a couple of shifts. Information and sign-up sheets could be included at the upcoming event and information posted on Facebook. The Society will know more about volunteers for Windsor Wonderland after the appreciation event and can then give a commitment

Board Communications – Dan reported he had a meeting with Nick and Lindsay of Severance to talk about the Society and he emphasized how well we have worked together. They have Boards come before them on a regular basis so Dan will give presentations to Town Management on what the Society is doing. Financial support might be considered through grants, etc. Kristie added the November meeting might include some strategic planning for 2022 and ideas for a future project. Ruth added there are walking tours being put together and the Historic Preservation Commission has been contacted about this. Two buildings in Windsor are on the National Register of Historic Places. Marcia added many organizations are working on strategic planning at this time. There is also a conversation to be had on future ideas for connecting with the Von Trotha-Firestien Farm and the opportunity to have space for research, housing items, etc. There could also be a possibility of having space and presence in Severance at their new library. A consultant might be hired to help with planning.

Next Meeting - The final meeting of the year will be in person at Bethel Lutheran Church on November 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Firestien, Secretary