

Minutes of April 3rd meeting of Fort Crook Historical Society

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by president Larry Burns. Present were Laurel Cordova, Larry Burns, Sharon Hamblin, Dean Albaugh, Robert Ingram, Billy Mason, Tim Glaze, Harry Kraft, Jeanette Ciriello, Tom Ricker, Peggie Bidwell and a visitor Thom Sloger. After the flag salute President Burns asked for any announcements. There were none. The minutes were read by Tim Glaze. Larry noted that a reference to the changes in the bylaws was switched and should read "upcoming" instead of "new". Laurel moved to accept the minutes as read with that correction. Harry seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was read by Laurel. Our balances are \$29,901.59 in checking, and \$303.18 in savings. Monthly income was \$ 3520.01. Total current assets are \$36,613.16. After some discussion about the high gas bill it was determined we should check out the settings on the monitor in the main building as well as the James building. (This was done after the meeting and monitor temperature was lowered from 58 degrees to 50). It was suggested we compare the bill to last years bill for the same period. The meters are different for the 2 addresses served. Peggy moved to accept ~~minutes~~, Jeannette seconded, motion carried. *treasurer's report.*

Robert suggested the museum look into using Compare as an internet service as it would probably be cheaper than Frontier DSL. Harry will research that. Gail was the name that Frontier has on file to initiate changes and that will have to be addressed also. Laurel will look into that.

The wine dinner went very well with a good profit from the 65 tickets sold. We received \$2025 from the event. ~~The company was impressed and their wine will be a staple for the restaurant.~~

A toy truck was donated to us by Tom Johnston of Napa. When it was explained we could not accept it as an exhibit, it was donated for us to sell and keep the profits. Harry will research the value and we will pursue selling it on line. It had been valued at \$1200 dollars but toy

prices are down now. It is a metal toy truck from "The Murray Products Company, Steel Craft Products in Cleveland , Ohio.

We are working towards the yard sale. Posters are up and it is being advertised. Items to be donated can be brought in Tuesdays and Thursdays to the round barn.

The rendezvous meals were planned by the committee consisting of Larry, Peggy and Bill. Larry attended a Pit River Pioneer meeting and asked about having stew. They did NOT want stew. The meals will be brisket and pork loin.

The wagon wheels are completed and the cost is \$1300. There is only \$600 in the wagon fund. Jeanette moved to pay the bill and have the wagon fund replace the \$700 difference when it could. Peggy seconded it. Motion carried. There are only 2 wagons left to restore. The wheel wright wanted to be here for Pioneer Day.

The spraying of weeds was discussed. McArthur Farm and Basin Fertilizer will be contacted for prices and consultation. Matt Reynier and Clay Jacobson are the ones to contact.

Jeanette said the riding lawn mower from the hardware store was rented for \$45 for half a day and was delivered and picked up. She suggested the grounds needed to be mowed a couple times a year. No action taken on this matter.

The dispatch was mailed this week with the ballot for the upcoming yearly meeting enclosed. The ballot included renewing Billy Mason and Harry Kraft with Jeanette's slot being filled with Steve Martinez. It also included Dalinda Lynch as secretary and will confirm the incumbents.

The bylaws have been reposted and will be voted on in May. There was some discussion about the addition of " as closely as practical" referring to the use of Roberts Rules of Orders. Larry thought it would help to have that in there to give latitude to a strict adherence to Roberts Rules. It was noted that those who give grants look closely at how organizations use this system for orderly business. Some thought that the phrase in question may be a red flag for those giving grants. It was brought up that Future Farmers of America Parli Pro team is probably the only ones who follow the rules strictly and therefore it would be understood by anyone looking at our operation that we follow

RRO as appropriately as possible. The new business being on the agenda before the old business was also discussed. The necessity to stay on track for the subject at hand was something we can all improve on which would allow the old business to be dispensed with more effectively and shorten meeting time. Larry will consider the matter of the new business being first. A vote was taken and passed to remove the phrase "as closely as practical" and move the bylaws on to be voted on in May.

Joe Bruce would like to donate several ag equipment items to the museum. Pictures were provided and discussion followed. There is no way to take all of it so the Acquisition committee will meet to assess what we have on hand now and with discretion make a decision on selected items. Acquisition forms will be taken to Joe.

A brick order will be sent in mid April. The proposed bricks are published in the dispatch for proof reading.

Scott Brulc of Scotts glass will work on the glass on the front door next week. We are still looking for a window that will fit the school house and the red barn window will be replaced with more sturdy plywood.

Ginny Dye has an old barn she is willing give to the museum for materials if we take it down. Robert reported it had ^{hand}~~had~~ hewn beams. The acquisition committee will look at it. Materials could be stored in the round barn loft.

Tom Ricker found 200 split rails locally which are for sale if we would be interested. Chris and Lacey Cordova are the ones selling them for \$2 apiece and discussion suggested Robert and Laurel put pressure on their kids to donate or give us a really good price. Peggy moved to purchase half of the useable rails. Jeanette seconded it and the motion was carried.

Robert reported Packway has an old blasting detonator to donate to the museum. It is located in their office right now. The acquisition committee will look at it and have the paper work filled out.

Chuck Egolf has worked on several things here in the past. Tim reports Chuck is now cutting his own lumber on his new portable sawmill and is willing to consider donating some to the museum.

Dan Mcmillan told us last meeting of a lady who had a sawmill to donate to us. It has been checked out and is not viable.

Sharon Hamblin had an offer she could not refuse and will no longer be our curator. She will continue to publish the dispatch. The board wished her luck in her new position. An ad has already been placed in the paper. Hiring committee will be Larry, Merri, Laurel and hopefully Betty when she returns. There was discussion about the curator working six days instead of five. Laurel will look into it.

Larry has found a free software for office word processing. Steve Reeder will be consulted about it.

Memberships are due as of January. They have been notified via the Dispatch and post cards. Those who don't send in dues will not receive a Dispatch after May.

Larry tried to contact the county about Billy's freezer. The number he had is not a good number. He will pursue it some more.

Larry has not met with Randall Harr yet concerning the contract for the hall rental.

The wagons in the round barn need to be moved for the yard sale. Tom can pick up the wagon wheels Monday or Tuesday and will pay for them then.

Thom Sloger attended the meeting just to see what we were about . He is interested in becoming a member is very enthusiastic.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted

Tim Glaze for Debbie Lakey