

BARRON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM
BOARD MEETING
April 23, 2025

President Mark Dobberfuhr called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Others present: Kathy Krug, John Peter, Charles Knapp, Katrina Sonnentag, Brenda Christenson, Tammy Schutz, Bob Lentz, Bev Candler, Jeff Martin, Sherry Harvey, Connie Riplinger, Nicole Muschinski, John Mitchell. Absent: Sue Patrick.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Martin and second by Kathy Krug. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the March Minutes was made by Jeff Martin and second by Brenda Christenson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Brenda Christenson.

Director's Report was given by Tammy Schutz. Volunteer Open House April 26th before Membership Meeting. Governor Evers is coming to the Museum on May 2nd. There will be a wedding at the Museum on May 31st. Tammy is going to apply for a grant for the Native American Village.

John Mitchell gave an update on the Native American Village. He has done some drawings of where the site will be and what it could look like. Having the Native American Village will help us in getting the Economic Development grant.

Committee Reports:

Acquisition - Going to look at a lathe, Military Scrapbook, Homemade wooden bird house, homemade wooden skates; Ned Spangel has a collection of books on the outboard motors.

Welcome Center - Mark did up a written report. State approval of the building plan is good for 2 years. New cost estimate is about \$2.25 million.

Fundraising - John Mitchell gave a little update on the general fundraising. Charles Knapp gave an update on the UTV Raffle, passed out a print out with pricing, the building committee is concerned about doing this raffle, they suggest doing an auction in the fall instead. John Mitchell suggests this might be better done next spring instead of this year as we'd have more time to organize and prepare. The Auction would be a time commitment as opposed to a money commitment on the part of the museum. Charles Knapp makes a motion to reconsider and Kathy Krug seconds. Motion passed.

Site Planning - Nothing.

Maintenance - Report given by John Peter. Had a group of seniors from Rice Lake High School that came out and got a lot done, was about 40 hours worth of work. Would like more groups to come out and help.

Outreach - Have flyers and Facebook posts out about the Volunteer open house.

Kitchen - Nothing.

Building Committee - Same update as under Welcome Center.

Old Business: John Peter asks if we are doing anything with the alarm system. Kathy Krug says we don't need it for insurance but it is recommended. Can we work with Mosaic on this? John Mitchell will check with Mosaic if this is something they can help us with.

New Business: Timblin Land. 40 acre wooded lot in the forest crop program with mostly Maples that was left to us. We have received a complaint that it being open for hunting is causing a problem for the neighbors. What do we do with the land? Sell it? Nicole Muschinske will reach out to a Land Trust about possible value.

Motion to adjourn was made by Charles Knapp, second by Kathy Krug the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on May 28, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Katrina Sonnentag - Board Secretary