

Pana Pioneer Heritage Guild met Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 at E-Revel warehouse. Tim DeSherlia presided. The meeting began at 6:20 p.m.

Due to some members being unaware of the meeting place, date and time, Steve Fry recommended a caller should be included in the organization, who would notify members by either text or telephone.

Millie Meyerholz, secretary, distributed copies of the November meeting minutes, which were accepted.

The November 2022 Financial report was given by the treasurer, Malinda McClure: General Fund--Beginning balance, \$1,808.81. No income. Expenses, final water (due to turn off for the rest of the season), \$42.62. Ending Balance, \$1,766.19. Outstanding check--Fair Board, \$120. Actual GF balance, \$1,646.19. Building Fund—No change. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Officers' Reports

Friday, Dec. 16, DeSherlia told the group he received a collection of 19 oil lamps from Dave Causey's former home. He found two were not operational, and four don't have glass chimneys. Five are the same style. He opined that the lamps can be hung with brackets on the inner walls of select buildings.

Also, two of Causey's friends delivered a buckskin dress, leather jackets and pants, long coat, a blanket with hood (similar to poncho), pants for a short man compote, knee-high moccasins of Crazy Crow brand; three pair of waterproof moccasins; frocks: three pioneer dresses made of cotton, and three dresses size six for tall girls. He would like a box to be built for each type of clothing. The gifts from Dave also included a year's supply of lamp oil, some composed of paraffin.

Rector's Report- He recently received permission to dig for artifacts, from the crew who started demolition of the former YMCA/Moose building and the two story building behind it. There were taverns and other businesses at the site. The complex is a full city block being leveled for a truck stop.

Malinda's report related to a book she obtained: about heirloom plants and equipment used.

Old Business

The copy of an agreement DeSherlia made with Jim McMillan, a 16X18-foot cabin dismantled in 2011 by DeSherlia in Greenville, was recently found by Meyerholz. McMillan now lives in Tennessee. The document stated the donor was to provide the background history of the structure. Meyerholz questioned whether or not the information had been provided as indicated.

Parts of the cabin were stored at Marietta and Kevin Stevens' farmstead. McMillan's grandfather built it. Tim recalled the structure's logs were graduated from 12-inch width to lighter, narrower logs at the summit. Action was tabled regarding the information above.

There was a brief discussion about chairmen who should lead the following committees: Site, Building, Fund-Raising—the treasurer; Membership—secretary; Program and Acquisitions/Historical Research, the secretary.

This led to a lengthy study along with suggested changes to the bylaws of the guild, last approached and set in place in 1999. Malinda McClure, chairman, Austin Shride and Millie Meyerholz twice met to tackle the lengthy document and to recommend changes.

However, other suggestions came fourth which will be presented in entirety to the guild at its next meeting for review. Membership shall vote on the revised bylaws at the February meeting.

Tim stated the need for both an assistant treasurer and assistant secretary.

New Business

The guild then acknowledged Shride's proposal relating to the bylaws at the Nov. 21 meeting. It was rejected by agreement of the guild, because of several more changes being brought up during the course of discussion at the December meeting.

For the January meeting, status of the 501c3 will be placed on the agenda.

Shirley Buescher, former member, donated \$1,000 to the guild, and because of her past membership and service to the guild, the guild approved her honorary lifetime membership.

Next, Dave Causey was granted an honorary membership to the guild for his long-time activities with the guild and his generous donations of camping furniture and period clothing items. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Following a late November work day at the village, Meyerholz and Cearlock were present when the subject of the non-working security light was discussed. A phone call was made to Brian Lebon, electrician who does work for Pana Tri County Association, due to the upcoming Christmas at the Cabins and need of safe lighting for the public. It was deemed necessary to have the situation fixed.

Lebon asked if the fixture was found to be faulty, and if he could install a replacement. Lebon said the transformer had been burned up on the regular light fixture which was found on the ground months ago. Millie approved the request to install a new light at that time.

DeSherlia and McClure reprimanded the action because the \$293 bill for installation of the new LED fixture, including labor and use of a bucket truck for \$168, was beyond the \$50 maximum expenditure allowed without guild approval. DeSherlia instructed that the bill needed to be paid. The payment for the electrical work was unanimously approved.

Tim requested that the defective light unit be returned for a refund. Keith learned from Lebon immediately that the unit had been trashed and hauled off by garbage disposal. Further, the warranty return would have expired, as returns only run from 30 to 90 days after purchase. The unit may not have been faulty due to the suspected "direct short" stated by Tim.

In other business, Cearlock suggested a mural painting be done by Mrs. Buescher on the side of the storage trailer Steve Fry has donated to the guild, which is at the village. He recommended a pioneer scene. Pana Historical Society's input was mentioned as part of the project.

It was also said that Fry needs to transfer the title of the trailer to the guild.

It was also suggested that "Patron" be included in membership designations, getting members on the community page for free, and how to get them actively involved with the guild, among other possibilities.

Gerald suggested the guild host a summer camp for kids with involvement by their parents. That would come up under insurance concern, it was said. More information is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16 at the home of Millie and Bill.