

Kendallville Heritage Association Meeting Minutes

Present: Jill Jollief, LouAnne Pillers, Craig Munk, Josh Ogle, Michael Mapes, Terry Housholder, Julia Tipton, Amanda Blackman, Sande Roose, Julie Olin, Cindy Wilks, Judy Butler, Cheryl Coons, Jon Blackman, Jim Jarrett, Annie Bozeman and Becky Daniels

The regular meeting of the Kendallville Heritage Association met September 21, 2020 at the Community Learning Center.

Amanda Blackman welcomed everyone attending in person and via Zoom for the meeting. The by-laws committee met prior to this meeting and presented the recommendations for revising the by-laws.

- *add “educate” to mission
- *change “board” to “general membership”
- *change “executive board” to “governing board”
- * update number of governing board members and update appointment requirements
- * revise officer tenure and elections
- * revise Treasurer duties
- * update amendment procedures

Terry made a motion to amend the by-laws as presented by the committee. Judy seconded. Approved.

Discussion was held to continue with the virtual option for our meetings.

Elections were held to fill the remaining Governing Board. Currently President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer positions had been filled. After discussions Julia Tipton, Sande Roose and Cindy Wilkes will fill the At-Large positions. Below are the 2020 Governing Board:

President – Amanda Blackman
Vice President – Terry Housholder
Secretary/Treasurer – Becky Daniels
At-Large Member – Julia Tipton
A-Large Member – Sande Roose
At-Large Member – Cindy Wilkes

Julia reported that Dave sent her a link with curator information. They create and develop museums. Currently they are at Pokagon and have an interest in working with our group. Julia is looking at other grants we could utilize. Annie mentioned that she has volunteered for other museums and works on archival and curating. We will want to create areas of interest that tell a story in the building. We will need to have sub committees to find and write grants. Terry envisions having copies out for viewing with the actual artifact archived safely. Amanda is hoping to find funding to professionally display the artifacts. We will need to have a committee for creating a form to receive items. We will also need to come up with a process for accepting

items. Cheryl mentioned the Kendallville Library has a form we could use. Cindy suggested we go through old directories for categories. Terry suggested we go to other museums to see how they are structured. Julia mentioned we could start with Industrial for the Workforce Development floor.

Jill reported on the Cochard book. The committee is still in the process of updating the book. They are looking for more information for 118 Gold Street. Annie suggested looking in the county records. Amanda mentioned that they now have Mrs. Cochard's research material.

Amanda brought up a discussion about the Kendallville Families and their Homes Facebook page. She asked that people join and have anyone that owns these homes to help update the history of their homes.

There is a Facebook page for the Virtual History Museum. Jon made a motion for Kendallville Heritage Association to recognize the Virtual History Museum as an official affiliation of Kendallville Heritage Association. Josh seconded. Approved.

Jill mentioned that we need to encourage people to donate the KHA. Most often children acquiring their parent's items aren't interested in keeping them.

Amanda will send an email for a brainstorming group. Let her know if you are interested.

Next meeting will be October 19, 2020 at 6:00p.m. at the Community Learning Center Board Room.

Meeting was adjourned